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1. WELCOME

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-23 05:55:44 UTC
From: essexshortwavescanning
Topic: 1 Message: 1

WELCOME!! to this new group that I have set up in order to help further my knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby and that of anyone else who has joined the group.

I am based near Chelmsford in Essex (incidentally an Historic radio town).

My interest in non-commercial radio began as a teenager some 20 years ago from Citizens Band radio.

I have never moved on to becoming a licensed Radio Amateur , although I do monitor their bands on a regular basis. At sometime in the future studying for a licence may one day happen , sadly at the moment time does not allow.

I know being licensed would be of great benefit and would vastly improve my technical knowledge , as a listener I am but a Layman.

My equipment includes a Kenwood R5000 , an AOR 3000A , a Panasonic DRB 600 , Sony ICF SW55 , Sony SW07 , Sony Airband 7 and a Realistic Pro 2042.

My antennas are an ALA1530 loop antenna from Wellbrook Communications , A Super Scanstick and an indoor mini-windom from RFSystems.

My listening habits include RAF search and rescue at Kinloss (5.680Mhz), Amateuer bands (particularly 80 and 40 meters)(2 metres also), local authority and related institutions (you know the ones!!) and basically anything that is intersting between 0 and 2000 Mhz.

For the members please post any interesting frequencies or information on equipment and antenna systems.

I AM NO RADIO EXPERT AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN FROM THIS GROUP AS MUCH AS THE NEXT PERSON -- ENJOY!!

2. Just put up some useful LINKS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-23 06:30:05 UTC
From: essexshortwavescanning
Topic: 2 Message: 2

If you click on links in the left margin you will find some useful purveyors of equipment and services that I will be adding to in the near future.

3. What a great discovery

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-23 06:37:23 UTC
From: essexshortwavescanning
Topic: 3 Message: 3

Having always made the trip to Hockley to the local emporium it was great to come across another supplier of quality equipment.

Anyone who buys Shortwave magazine must have come across these wacking great double page pull out adverts for HAYDON COMMUNICATIONS.

Incredibley they do not appear to have any sort of website , but anyhow they have a huge store on the middle of an industrial estate just off the old A13 at Purfleet , Essex (its about 5 minutes from lakeside - dump the Mrs. there and carry on to Purfleet).

Massive selection of stuff , when I get a minute I will post full address and details to the group.

4. RAF SEARCH AND RESCUE KINLOSS SCOTLAND

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-23 16:54:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 4 Message: 4

Listen in on 5.680Mhz (usb) .
A massively strong signal and great listening.
According to a recent issue of SWM there was much activity to be heard concerning the rescue at Boscastle in Cornwall during flash flooding , unfortunately I missed all that.

5. DSP (digital signal processing)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-23 17:32:15 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 5 Message: 5

I have two DSP speakers from BHI Ltd that are hooked up to both of my Kenwood R5000's and quite frankly I could not do without them.

They are both NES 10 - 2 models and have variable levels of DSP up to 35db.

I have found that they work really well for listening to amateur radio , flight transmissions on HF , all SSB etc.

I have found however that if your Shortwave interest extends only to commercial broadcast stations the DSP makes very little difference to the sound quality and at a cost of nearly £100.00 your money would be better spent on either a receiver or antenna upgrade.

I have yet to use a receiver with built in DSP , but have been told by some quarters that an external DSP unit provides better results.

Maybe someone who knows better than I would like to comment.

6. MARTIN LYNCH OPEN DAY SAT 4/12/2004

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-24 17:08:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 6 Message: 6

Martin Lynch are having an open day on Saturday 4th December between 09.00 hrs and 16.00hrs.

For full details go to the "links" and you will find a direct route to their website.

Needless to say these open days often throw up the chance of obtaining money off bargains and meeting others that share your interest.

Parking and admission is free and there may even be a car park boot sale (weather permitting).

Go along and enjoy the day.

7. Newbie!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-25 17:33:34 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 7 Message: 7

Hi all.
Just joined your group after seeing the e-bay ad (nice idea, like it!!)
Names Andy, ok, I don't live in Essex, but I took the liberty to join anyway. I live on the sunny seaside resort of Portsmouth, been into scanning for about 4 years. Recently took an interest in SW receiving, and I own a Yaesu VR-5000 unit. Not a dedicated SW receiver I know, but it does perform suberbly.

I have a homemade long wire antenna which, for a first attempt, works pretty well.
Considering going for a Wellbrook loop one day, if I can convince the missus (usual story lol!).

Anyway, looking forward to 'chatting'.

Cheers for now

Andy

8. Welcome to all new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 03:08:29 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 8 Message: 8

A warm welcome to all the those who have joined the group so far.
We have only been going a couple of days so hopefully you will be
the first of many.
Please pass on the site address to any friends you feel will benefit.

Best Wishes

Andrew

9. What's your interest? - What's your kit?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 03:18:27 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 9 Message: 9

I was wondering if members would like to leave a brief description of their particular field of interest and what kit they use.

I would certainly be interested in how others in the hobby get along.

As an example of the type of thing I mean refer to "MESSAGE 1 "WELCOME".

That message will tell you a bit about me.

This idea is purely optional , if you prefer to keep things under your hat , then that is fine.

Best Wishes

Andrew

10. Welcome to Andy from Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 03:32:09 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 10 Message: 10

Welcome aboard Andy
I enjoyed reading about your set up.
You seem to have followed a similar route to myself into the world of HF via scanning.

My scanning antenna is an old broadband (0- 2000mhz) Moonraker scanstick that is mounted 25 feet above the gutter height of my 2 storey house.
That might sound quite good but I live in the most appalling location for VHF scanning at the bottom of a hill with hills at close quarters all around me.

The shortwave situation is much better.
I run two kenwood R5000's off of my Wellbrook Loop ALA 1530 via an RF systems combiner both running NES 10-2 DSP speakers.

My original antenna however is an indoor RF systems MTA mini windom and that I considered to be excellent until I hooked up the Wellbrook.

Obviously being indoors it could not compete and I now use that just for Commercial Broadcast stations via my Panasonic DB600.

I would definately recommend the Wellbrook , I would be keen to know if any memebers are using the higher gain shortwave only version the "330s"

Best Wishes

Andrew

11. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to Andy from Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 09:47:31 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 10 Message: 11

Hi Andrew (nice name :-)
Thanks for your reply. I too live in quite a poor VHF/UHF receiving area.
But, to be fair, I seem to do ok. I use a Sirio discone antenna mounted
on the side of my 2 storey house, with a 6 foot pole. Like I said, it's good
enough really.
I recently switched from using handheld scanners. I've used Yupi 7100, 9000MKII,
AOR 8200MKII and Alinco DJ-X2000E. All (in their own unique way) pretty good little units.
I had an Icom R20 for a few days. My fave listen/subject is airband, and the R20 was
VERY poor on the VHF airband. Massively overloaded with pager intermod.
Handhelds are not really designed to be used with big outdoor antenna's.

So I went for the Yaesu VR-5000, about 2 weeks ago. I'm really impressed with the
quality of SW receive on this scanner. I know scanners are not supposed to be used for SW,
but it's real good.
My current antenna is a simple length (about 14 metres) of wire, attached to the centre
core
of 10 metres of RG58 coax. The outer braid is attached to an earth lead, earthed on a
drainpipe!!
Can't get the earth to a proper ground connection yet, working on it!

Really just toying with SW at the mo. I'm really interested, but didn't want to fork out
too much
dosh until I get my feet under the table, and get used to SW listening.

I own a little group of my own for people who live on the South Coast to use.
Got 32 members, not all live on the South Coast. We have a few members who are heavily into
SW and have years of experience.
If you don't object Andrew, I'll advertise your group on there, but there's no-one from
Essex again!

Like I said earlier, my main interest is aircraft. Chuffed to bits when I discovered my
little long
wire brings in Shanwick, Gander and Santa Maria. Don't get much time to sit and play, but
that's what I've
got so far.

Thanks for the advise on the Wellbrook. Missed one on E-bay a few weeks ago which sold for
£86 :-(Gutted.

I will keep an eye out though.

Thanks Andrew

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning

To: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2004 3:32 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to Andy from Portsmouth

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12. Reply to Andy from Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 19:26:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 12 Message: 12

Nice to hear about your kit.

I wasn't surprised unfortunately to hear about the not so good Icom R20.

I have an Icom R3 (the one with the TV screen) and to be honest I have found it so complicated to use (principally because of the lack of a numeric/alpha keypad) that I have not properly explored its good or bad points.

I think it will probably find itself up for auction in the not to distant future.

Fine on promoting this group in your region , the Essex tag was really only a starting point for me to gauge the number of hobbyists nearby.

If I see a Wellbrook loop advertised anywhere I will put the details on the group , for me its been a great antenna.

As for HF airband I never really heard much until I put up the Wellbrook and now I can get Azores ATC (Santa Maria) on 6.628 Mhz USB with a very strong clear signal.

Best Wishes

Andrew

13. RSGB YEARBOOK (UK /Ireland callbook) 2005

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 19:48:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 13 Message: 13

I recently picked up the 2005 edition of the RSGB callbook.

It contains a massive 488 pages of which the first 177 give lots of interesting factual information with the remainder of the book listing by callsigns or alphabetical regional listings all the active Radio Amateurs in the British Isles.

I picked up my copy for £15.00 at the recent Kempton Park radio rally , although I am not sure if that was a special show price , you might want to check the RSGB website which I will shortly add to the list of links.

The main theme of this message was to point out that they gradually seem to be compiling a published list of Shortwave Listeners with individual call signs.

If you would like to be included or require further information the point of contact is Bob Treacher (BRS32525) at 93 Elibank Road , Eltham , London , SE9 1QJ or you can e-mail him at brs32525@...

Best Wishes

Andrew

14. Re: Reply to Andy from Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 21:17:28 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 12 Message: 14

Hi Andrew.
Shame about these Icoms, they are lovely scanners. I have an R5 and
it is really superb. Best handheld I've ever used.
I have heard nothing but bad things about the R3.
What an excellent scanner though. Does the TV screen do what it was
designed to do?

Thanks for the Wellbrook watch. Would appreciate that mate.
I'll advertise your group on mine, I have some very valued members on
there who I'm sure would love to join.
My group has only been alive since last month, so still early days.

Anyway, what do you most enjoy listening to Andrew?

Andy

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> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

15. Hello

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 22:12:58 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 15 Message: 15

Hello Andrew and All,
I have just joined you, it all looks very
interesting. Andy Foster told me to join up, so here I am... I'm a
kind of dx-member, -I live near to Burnham-On-Sea, Somerset, about
20 miles southward of Bristol. My main listening apparatus being an
AOR AR8600mk2, and an AOR LA350 loop, plus other bits and pieces for
the higher frequencies. Thanks for the membership. Eric

16. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Hello

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-26 23:50:14 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 15 Message: 16

Hi Eric, all.
You are (should feel) honoured to have this true gent in the group.

Not only is he a VERY MASSIVE tower of info, he's a proper nice guy (creep, creep!)

We should meet up one day Eric.

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: Eric
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2004 10:12 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Hello

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17. Additional Welcomes to new members

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-27 08:20:00 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 17 Message: 17

Welcome to all the latest members.

Hope you enjoy the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

18. To Andy in Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-27 08:44:08 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 18 Message: 18

I came across a web forum in the USA just recently , with regard to the Icom R3 and the reviews were not good at all.

With regard to my own unit , it is extremely difficult to get any sort of TV picture so I have no idea how good it would be for CCTV etc.

The scanning side seems to be Ok but it is just so user unfriendly.

To do any serious mobile listening I still resort to my trusty old AOR8000.

AS far as my current listening habits are concerned , i have no field of speciality but I am finding some of the evening nets amongst the Radio Amateurs on 80 metres very entertaining.

The only trouble with that is i get glued to one frequency and don't explore anything else , although I do have one of my receivers constantly monitoring search and rescue on 5.680 Mhz (usb).

Best Wishes

Andrew

P.s maybe some members can throw some interesting frequencies my way as listening opportunities are few and it would be nice to have something to dial up on the quick.

19. Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 02:49:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 19 Message: 19

Around 00.00hrs Sun 28/11/2004 I heard a transmission on 6.507Mhz (usb) and I wonder if any members could shed any light on its origin.

The transmisssion was constantly being repeated in a couple of languages , one of which was not very clear english and the transmission basically went like this.....

"This is Olivea (or at least thats what it sounded like) Radio (female voice) 806 , 1252 , 1629 , 1640 , 2210 , 2217"

and thats all it said , just being repeated over and over again.

Any ideas? I cannot match it up to anything that is in my frequency guide all though I am presuming that the numbers relate to times for something or another.

The transmission was fairly weak (signal strength 3) but suffered more from poor English than any interference.

Best Wishes

Andrew

20. Regular Amateur Net

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 03:07:53 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 20 Message: 20

I have recently discovered a regular group of Uk Radio Amateurs who regularly have net's on 80 metres , particularly on Sunday evenings and very late and into the early hours.

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P.s I am a night worker hence the ridiculous times of the posting of some of these messages.

21. Introduction

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 18:07:56 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 21 Message: 21

Like others I found the link to join the group on e-bay

My main interest is military air, however I have been known to listen to SW - especially when on holiday.

I currently have the following:
ICOM PCR 1000
Sony SW 55
AOR 1500 EX (receives ssb)
Alinco DJX 3

the Icom is nearly always connected to a VHF/UHF vertical antenna in the loft. I currently use a program called "TalkPCR" which enables me to leave the radio scanning during the day, it will then log date, time freq etc along with an audio file. Great for UHF/VHF. I have a length of copper wire (about 30') from the shed to the roof in the garden. Listen very regularly to Kinloss, and the RAF HF frequencies.

Live in the village of Birkenshaw, which is approx 1 mile from Junction 26 M62.

Cheers

Bill

22. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] To Andy in Portsmouth

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 18:57:54 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 18 Message: 22

Interesting that.
Icom seem to have made quite a few poor scanners.

I hear that their HF and SW gear is really good though.

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2004 8:44 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] To Andy in Portsmouth

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23. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Regular Amateur Net

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 18:55:40 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 20 Message: 23

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Andy

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To: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk
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Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 19:05:33 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 20 Message: 24

Bear with me, I replied to the wrong message there!

Should have been a reply to message no. 19.

DOH!

Andy
----- Original Message -----
From: Andy Foster
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2004 6:55 PM
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25. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Introduction

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 19:06:39 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 21 Message: 25

Hi Bill, welcome mate.

I mostly like listening to Kinloss, civil air and mil air.
I've only been listening to SW a little while, not heard any RAF or mil stuff yet though.
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Keep us posted with any good mil or RAF freq's!!

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26. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Introduction

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 20:35:53 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 21 Message: 26

Ones to listen out on are:

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9.031
11.247
These are all RAF

also
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> Andy
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> From: Bill Smith
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
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27. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Introduction

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-29 20:37:43 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 21 Message: 27

Corection, should have explained

should read 4.742

all usb, I set my filter to 6k

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28. Welcome to Bill Smith

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 02:36:47 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 28 Message: 28

Many thanks for joining the group Bill and giving us all a run down of your listening kit.

Its always interesting to know what other listeners are using in the way of equipment and what results they are achieving with it.

Many thanks for the frequencies to try , none of them are familiar to me so when I get the opportunity I will tune in.

Sadly my shack time is generally down to late Sunday evenings due to the usual work and family commitments etc (not their fault , just not enough days in the week).

The location of my kit and the use of generally causes a little distress to their sleep so I have to keep it minimal.

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The only trouble I find down in this part of the house is the amount of electrical interference.

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My main receivers are a long way from this part of the house and suffer no such interference , although I beleive that is partly down to my Wellbrook ALA 1530 loop antenna that apperently receives the magnetic part of the Shortwave as opposed to the electrical.

Best Wishes

Andrew

29. RAF Kinloss 5.680 Mhz (usb)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 02:46:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 29 Message: 29

I have noticed that like myself other members are finding this a very interesting frequency to listen to.

As it happens I managed to stumble across a list of search and rescue callsigns (generally "rescue 112" etc)/numbers that I printed off the net and pinned up on the wall of my shack.

When I get the opportunity I will take a note of the web address and put it up for the members of the group in case they don't yet have the information.

It is a great point of reference and helps immeadiately indicate from which base a particular unit is operating etc.

Best Wishes

Andrew

30. 2.142 Mhz (usb) Distress frequency

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 02:50:34 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 30 Message: 30

I wonder if any members of the group have any interesting activity to report from the above frequency be it recent or not so recent.

The main reason that I ask is that when I have monitored this one for any length of time I haven't really heard anything.

Maybe other members have had more success or could point me in a direction of higher activity.

Best Wishes

Andrew

31. Shortwave Receivers Past & Present

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 03:14:00 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 31 Message: 31

I have just received through the post a copy of the above book that
I ordered fro the SWM bookstore.

I have posted a photo of it in the photo's section of the group.

It wasn't cheap (best part of £30.00) but hell was it worth it ,
what a book.

Its about the same size and thickness of a Maplin electronics
catalogue and covers every shortwave receiver ever built from 1942
until 1997 although the copy I have is the 3rd print and is very up
to date (as an example it includes the JRC NRD 545 DSP).

If you like to know about receivers this is a must have guide , you
can bet if it is not in the book then it was never built.

Each radio icludes a glossy photo , full technical specificatiions ,
new and secondhand prices and a rating of its performance etc.
It details each manufacturer , current and defunct.

I am well pleased to have it in my shack.

Best Wishes

Andrew

32. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 2.142 Mhz (usb) Distress frequency

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 07:43:48 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 30 Message: 32

I have never heard of 2.142 being used as a distress
frequency - I am sure it is 2.182 usb

Bill

--- essex_shortwave_scanning
<essexshortwavescanning@...> wrote:

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33. Re: 2.142 Mhz (usb) Distress frequency

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 07:44:27 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 30 Message: 33

Hello Andrew and All,
Maybe a typing error (2.142), but the maritime
radiotelephone distress freq. is 2.182mhz, or better know as
just '2182' Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> direction of higher activity.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

34. Re: 2.142 Mhz (usb) Distress frequency

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 07:50:03 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 30 Message: 34

Hello Bill,
What's that saying Bill ? .. great minds think .... something or
other. Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill
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35. Re: Welcome to Bill Smith

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 07:53:52 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 28 Message: 35

Hello Andrew,
Think I read you correctly, - how about running a length of mini-
coax from the loop control box to your distant receiver thereby
hopefully cutting down on the interference - daresay that has gone
through your mind Eric--- In
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> to my Wellbrook ALA 1530 loop antenna that apperently receives the
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

36. 8906 usb

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 09:44:29 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 36 Message: 36

Hi all.

How come the above is listed as 3 different controls?
Gander, Santa Maria and Shanwick.

Found a nice site btw,

http://www.air.radiouk.com/index.html

Worth a look.

Andy

37. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 8906 usb

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 09:58:23 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 36 Message: 37

Andy,
Part of the Major World Air Routes in this case North
Atlantic Track A

RAF use the same frequencies for different locations
e.g.

4742 Ascension (C/S Haven) Cyprus (C/S Cyprus)
Gibraltar (C/S Gibraltar) and the UK (C/S Architect)
9031 and 11247 are the same
Architect also has the following listed:
5702
13257
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I'll put the operating hours in the files section if
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Bill

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38. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 10:06:06 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 38

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Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /RAF STCICS
Uploaded by : wes62d <wes62d@...>
Description : Main HF Frequencies used by RAF

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/RAF%20STCICS

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

wes62d <wes62d@...>
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39. Re: 8906 usb

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 10:17:05 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 36 Message: 39

Hi Bill, all received, cheers mate!

Cool file too, thanks

Andy

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40. Odds and ends

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 11:19:24 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 40 Message: 40

Hello All,
A few bits and pieces... A very useful website for all
sorts of interesting info. is http://www.aoruk.com
Go to the bottom of the page, there you will see Table of Contents
and Shortwave listeners guide. The long article on aerials is
particularly good.
BHI was mentioned earlier. A few days ago I bought a few items
from them, not a dsp unit, but including a fairly large sized 20w
extension speaker. The speaker in my AOR AR8600/2 is ok for it's
size, but of course rather 'tinny' sounding. I have tried various hi-
fi type speakers incl. Sony actives but there was always
something 'missing'. They are after all made mainly for music
listening. There is a frequency 'hole' in my hearing, but the BHI
speaker has plugged it up and now I can hear everything,
no 'tinniness' at all. A very good buy indeed. Their five quid
headphones are also very good, surprisingly enough.
As regards interesting things to listen to, morse transmissions
are one answer. It is often the case that radio amateurs using morse
seem to have a false sense of security and often disclose some
fairly interesting things. Little do they know.. . I'm fully aware
that those with no morse experience often throw their hands in the
air at the mere thought of making friends with morse, but
nevertheless it is worth pursuing. Just something to think about.
Eric

41. Couple more frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-11-30 19:34:11 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 41 Message: 41

All.

I have not checked this one out, but the source is reliable

HF Yeovil Ops is 9.010

and

5.2045 352 SOG Primary - Mildenhall - closer to you guys down south, than myself up here.

Bill

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42. Thanks to Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 03:22:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 42 Message: 42

Many thanks for the advice on improving my downstairs SW reception
Bill.
Unfortunately I know that as far as the other half is concerned the
prospect of any cables finding their way towards the general living
quarters would be totally unacceptable.
That is one of the reasons why both of my exterior antennas project
skywards rather than along the horizontal.

Best Wishes

Andrew

43. 2.142 Mhz (usb) Brain error

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 03:25:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 43 Message: 43

Yes 2.142 was an error on my part and I have been tuning into 2.182Mhz.
My original question still applies as to anyone having had much experience of activity on this frequency as i haven't really heard anything at all.

Best Wishes

Andrew

44. Welcome to new member

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 03:27:35 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 44 Message: 44

Welcome to Mayday2182uk

Hope you enjoy the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

45. Very pleased

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 03:37:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 45 Message: 45

I am chuffed to see that members are making good use of the group and bringing together experience/advice and frequencies to try etc for the benefit of all members.

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It is clear to see that some very experienced listeners have joined up and I know their knowledge is going to be a very welcome contribution.

I rate myself as a mere Novice in SW and scanning and have really only got going on a serious footing in the last few months , so I am hoping that like myself other members of the group will enjoy reading and contributing for the benefit of us all.

46. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks to Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 07:56:20 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 42 Message: 46

Andrew,

The thing to do is ignore her, I have my VHF/UHF in
the loft, rather than having it outside - this tells
the world that I have a scannner. The co-ax goes all
round the house, my argument is that at least I am not
down the pub. If it gets too much, or we have
visitors, it takes about 2 mins to put it all away.

Bill

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47. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Very pleased

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-01 16:43:27 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 45 Message: 47

Here here Andrew.

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2004 3:37 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Very pleased

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48. Nice idea Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 03:09:46 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 48 Message: 48

My Mrs. doesn't take kindly to being ignored.

In fact I have to be careful not to push her too far just in case I find my receivers bouncing their way down the stairs.

On a more serious note I went back to your intro and notice that your scanning antenna is a vertical in the loft , how are the results?

With my bottom of the hills location I have had to mount mine on the end of a 40foot scaffold that carries it to about 25 feet above the gutter line.

The only problem with that is that if the wind starts to blow a bit too hard I am a little worried about it coming down - its been up a fair while , but if we get a repeat of 1987 it could be game over for that antenna. I will have to wait and see - fingers crossed.

Best Wishes

Andrew

49. Life on 2.182Mhz (Usb)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 03:16:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 49 Message: 49

Finally today I heard some life on 2182.

At 17.21 I heard a call from a callsign of H8YR.

He was answered by Netherlands coastguard and they proceeded to give each other a radio check.

They each reported fading modulation and signal reports of 2-3.

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Interestingly at my location both gave good audio with H8YR at 7-8 and Netherlands Coastguard very strong at +15/20.

This was heard on my Kenwood R5000 through my Wellbrook ALA 1530 loop antenna.

Best Wishes

Andrew

50. SEARCH & RESCUE website added to "Links"

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 03:32:16 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 50 Message: 50

I have come across this great website called Sarwatch UK.

Some members may already know about it but for those of you who don't it contains all you need to know such as operational frequencies , callsigns equipment etc.

Just go to the "links" in the group margin and look for Sarwatch and it will take you straight there.

Best Wishes

Andrew

51. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] SEARCH & RESCUE website added to "Links"

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 08:57:38 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 50 Message: 51

The antenna in the loft is fine, but my location is similar to yours, I'm on the southern edge of a hill so I have the same sort of issues as Andrew has. However I compared it to my discone, using Leeds Bradford airport as a reference and I think it is better than the discone.

Sarwatch is worth looking at, as it gives you a heads up as to what is happening around the country in the search and rescue community.

I was tinkering with data modes yesterday, didn't seem to get very far, I'll have to re-visit it and let you guys know how I got on

Cheers

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52. Re: Nice idea Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 09:35:28 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 48 Message: 52

Hello Andrew and All,
Know wot yer mean Andrew (ref. Mrs.). The coax
I referred to previously, the mini stuff, is only 3mm. across, or
1/8 inch in real money, easy to hide under floor coverings, snaked
below the skirting. Your bottom of the hill location.- As an 'off
the top of my head idea', how about actives. No doubt you've already
thought about it, but an interesting page anyway -
http://www.dressler.com/products/antenna
UK distributors are Celebrity Communications, 'phone/fax 01708
782079 . Martin Lynch carry them, the only active they consider
worthy of inclusion in their catalogue. Eric --- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> My Mrs. doesn't take kindly to being ignored.
>
> In fact I have to be careful not to push her too far just in case
I
> find my receivers bouncing their way down the stairs.
>
> On a more serious note I went back to your intro and notice that
> your scanning antenna is a vertical in the loft , how are the
> results?
>
> With my bottom of the hills location I have had to mount mine on
the
> end of a 40foot scaffold that carries it to about 25 feet above
the
> gutter line.
>
> The only problem with that is that if the wind starts to blow a
bit
> too hard I am a little worried about it coming down - its been up
a
> fair while , but if we get a repeat of 1987 it could be game over
> for that antenna. I will have to wait and see - fingers crossed.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

53. Vanished posting

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 10:46:41 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 53 Message: 53

People, one of my postings has gone for a cyberspace walkies and not appeared for some reason or other. Briefly, H8YR is a Panamanian registerd ship callsign. Ship calls being 4 characters,and of course aircraft calls are 5 characters. Eric

54. Re: Life on 2.182Mhz (Usb)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 09:21:54 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 49 Message: 54

Hi Folks,
Eric now has a headache, yes indeed. I know that H8YR is
a Panamanian registered ship.Panama being one of the many 'flag of
convenience' registries. Ship callsigns are 4 characters e.g. ship
QE2 is GBTT . Aircraft have a five character c/s e.g GABCD. I have
just spent an age trying to find H8YR - nothing - not even on the
ITU (Int. Telecomm. Union) website, Port of Liverpool(non-existent
ship movements info.), Lloyds List - all a blank. It's amazing that
Lloyds List, the daily newspaper, has all the info. required on a
daily basis, but the wonderful WWW. is one big zero! . Maybe I've
been looking in the wrong place, but the internet has beaten me.
I'll try again later. Eric--- In
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> This was heard on my Kenwood R5000 through my Wellbrook ALA 1530
> loop antenna.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

55. Re: Life on 2.182Mhz (Usb)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 13:17:28 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 49 Message: 55

Oh good, it's found its way home (a missing posting). Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
>
> Hi Folks,
> Eric now has a headache, yes indeed. I know that H8YR
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> a Panamanian registered ship.Panama being one of the many 'flag of
> convenience' registries. Ship callsigns are 4 characters e.g.
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> > Andrew

56. Bill re;loft antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 16:33:03 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 56 Message: 56

Bill , the vertical that you are using in the loft is obviously working well.

When you say that it is better than your discone , is the discone mounted outside or is it one of those mini-desktop ones?

I have a mini desktop discone mounted on a biscuit tin in the loft (its got a magnetic base)and I have to admit it isn't bad and seems to pull in the Amateur 2 meter repeaters as well as the outside antenna.

Best Wishes

Andrew

57. Cheers Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 16:41:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 57 Message: 57

Thanks for all that info on H8YR Eric.

You may have already seen from my previous intro's that I am a recent recruit to the hobby (my wife refers to me as being an "Anorak", so I have threatened her with the prospect of afternoons stood on the platform "trainspotting").

Anyhow being a novice was my main reason for setting up the group and I can see that it is already paying dividends by sharing and learning from the different experience of other members.

As far as marine and airband listening is concerned my experience is almost zero.

I wonder if you could recommend any good links , websites , books etc that would provide information on callsigns of ships and aircraft.

Best Wishes

Andrew

58. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Bill re;loft antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 17:29:55 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 56 Message: 58

No, the discone I still have in the loft is one of the
Royal Discones - it stands about 5 feet high - tried
one of the mini desktop ones as well - they all work,
but I find the vertical is better on the vhf/uhf
frequencies as it is designed to be used on those
particular bands

have to try them all I suppose, next will be a loop -
If her indoors lets me buy one

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59. Books etc

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 17:37:14 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 57 Message: 59

Two of the books that I buy nearly every year are:
Airwaves - currently 2004 version - by photavia press
"The complete HF/VHF/UHF aviation frequency directory"
Callsign - currently 2004 version - by photavia press
"The complete Civil and Military aviation callsign
directory"

You can buy them direct from Photavia Press -
absolutely no connection! for ?10.95 each more details
at www.photav.demon.co.uk - dont't take plastic.

I get mine from my local Air Supply branch every
March/April.

If you get Shortwave Magazine you can get them via
their bookshop.

Bill

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60. New.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 22:04:42 UTC
From: roberthayden75
Topic: 60 Message: 60

Hi all. just stumbled accross this group whilst searching on net for tips and info on scanning..iv just got myself an old pro 2006 scanner from e-bay and put a discone in the loft wich come from maplins....im very new to all this but im searching for some frequencys for the essex area. im near basildon. alot of the frequencys im getting off the net dont seem to come up with much but im not sure if it is me or the frequencys are past their sell by date... any help or tips would be welcome...

61. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] New.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-02 23:01:28 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 60 Message: 61

Depends on what you wan to listen to. Having just
checked the spec on a google search, thry the
following - all aiband AM

121.5 Distress
127.875 London Control
128.250 London Military
129.200 London Control
243.000 Nato Guard UHF Nato Distress
254.000 London Military
275.350 London Military

Also try Stanstead Frequencies
120.625 Approach/Essex Radar
127.525 As directed
121.850 ATIS departure info
121.975 Clearances
125.625 Radar as directed
118.700 Tower Primary
120.400 Approach as directed
128.075 Approach as directed
128.075 ATIS arrival info
121.700 Ground
119.900 Radar
118.500 Tower
124.475 Tower Standby

ATIS Automatic Terminal Information Service (before
you ask)

If you need any more, try doing a scan between 118-137
Mhz AM 25khz steps

Bill

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62. Thanks Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 03:38:31 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 62 Message: 62

Thanks for the information on the available books Bill.

I have added the Photavia Press website to the "links" for the benefit of all members.

I will check my latest copy of SWM for their bookstore also.

Off the top of your head where would be the best place to track down shipping callsigns?

Best Wishes

Andrew

63. Welcome to the latest new members

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 03:40:39 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 63 Message: 63

Hope you enjoy the group.

Make sure you check all the links , files and messages as they are a great source of information.

Best Wishes

Andrew

64. Message to Robert Hayden

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 03:53:05 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 64 Message: 64

Thanks for joining the group Robert.

From checking the list of members you appear to be the nearest one to me so far , I'm just up the road in Billericay.

The 2006 is a good little unit and if you set it scanning from 450 mhz up to 455mhz that should well throw up some interesting listening.

Set the radio to scan using NFM and a step size of no more than 5hz.

If you can scan by hand or at a nice slow speed that should make sure you don't go through to fast and miss anything.

Also look up some of the 446 Mhz PMR frequencies because if you are fairly near to the Festival leisure park that could prove quite interesting as well.

There's plenty of stuff out there and part of the hobby is the hardwork and listening at the right place at the right time.

You will find that a lot of stuff talked about on the group refers to Shortwave frequencies.

I am fairly sure that your radio will not go below 25mhz so if at any point in the future you get an SW receiver you will open up an even bigger world of radio communications.

Best Wishes

Andrew

65. My Icom IC-720 Transceiver

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 04:03:47 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 65 Message: 65

I assume that the nice picture of the above radio belongs to one of our licensed members.

I would be interested to know what frequencies you work and at what times so that I can have a listen in.

Tuning into the Amateur bands is one of my favourite forms of listening , its just unfortunate that at the moment I do not have the time to give to studying for a licence.

Best Wishes

Andrew.

66. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks Bill

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 08:42:26 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 62 Message: 66

Shipping is one thing that I have never listened to.
If you are looking for callsigns of warships, then
that can be a bit more difficult, as they use a
combination of 3 letters/figures/both for their
callsigns which change.

Cheers

Bill

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67. New Link Added

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 09:28:26 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 67 Message: 67

For Worldwide Utility News

An electronic club for sharing news, information and loggings about
Utility (non-broadcast) transmissions on the radio spectrum.

Cheers

Bill

68. Re: Cheers Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 11:07:48 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 57 Message: 68

Hello Andrew and All,
Thanks Andrew.One thing with 'radio', and of
course many other subjects/hobbies is that one never ever stops
learning - there is always something new, every hour of every day.
Briefly, I started on this particular road 48 years ago when my
uncle gave me a crystal set kit for Christmas, then my father bought
me soldering iron and I started building valve transmitters when I
was 13. So that is how I got into it. As regards lists of freqs.
etc., there are loads of sites on the 'net, the Utilities site
mentioned is as good a place to start as any. Personally,I'm more of
a 'dial spinner', see where it stops and if there is anything of
interest, I'll listen , MF HF VHF UHF - anything. I have no
particular listening areas to speak of. My knowledge of callsigns
etc. doesn't come from hobby listening, it comes from my previous
life (now Rtd. - thank ** !). So really, others will have more idea
of suitable websites than I. I'm sure all are aware of Scanpromauk
Yahoo group and the related sites, plus the amazing online freq.
databank. I have had another look around for merchant vessel c/s
lists but drawn a blank. I have sent a list to this site of warship
c/s's , hope it arrives ok - I ain't brill. with computers... The
mixed groups Bill referred to are in fact kind of daily designators -
there is a term, but I forget. So to sum up, my main interests are
the bits in between the origin of the signal to it being audible
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>
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>
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69. Other frequencys in Essex

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 14:25:12 UTC
From: roberthayden75
Topic: 60 Message: 69

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill Smith
<wes62d@y...> wrote:
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> following - all aiband AM
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> 127.525 As directed
> 121.850 ATIS departure info
> 121.975 Clearances
> 125.625 Radar as directed
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>>Thanks bill. Another question i have is that i know that we cannot
listen to police anymore but what about fire or ambulance service?
Also im not far from tilbury docks and the Thames so is their any
frequencys that u know of? can u get customs or have they gone to
digital? thanks rob.
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70. Thanks...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 14:33:52 UTC
From: roberthayden75
Topic: 70 Message: 70

Thanks you to all that have have posted back to me. Being very new to all this and reading up on scanning i did not know their was so much to it...so lots to learn. But another question i do have wich is another of many....lol is i put my discone in the loft, but do u think it would work much better outside or does it just depend on what u want to hear..?

71. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 15:17:03 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 70 Message: 71

Personally, if it wasn't for the fact that you would
be advertising to all and sundry that you had a
scanner in the house, I would put it outside. You'll
also have to remember that things are easier to
maintain in the loft, than they are outside. Mine, all
3 of them are in the loft.

Cheers

Bill

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72. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 16:32:10 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 70 Message: 72

Hi mate, welcome.
Nice little group this one.....
I don't mean this literally, but I'll argue all day that YES, it makes a big difference.
Some say yes, some say no, some say that height is the most important thing.

I got my discone about 18 months ago. It started off in the loft.
Curiosity got the better of me and it had to go outside.
Ok, it's maybe 4 foot higher now, but the difference was totally amazing.

I have spoken to pro's who have said, outside is best. Another said makes no difference.
Who knows the truth!
I would say (remember what Bill said though about nosey neighbours!)
to give it a try. You'll never know the difference until you do.
I couldn't give a monkey's whether folk know I've got a scanner. But I
appreciate that some people would.

Let us know what you do!

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: roberthayden75
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2004 2:33 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks...

Thanks you to all that have have posted back to me. Being very new
to all this and reading up on scanning i did not know their was so
much to it...so lots to learn. But another question i do have wich
is another of many....lol is i put my discone in the loft, but do u
think it would work much better outside or does it just depend on
what u want to hear..?

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73. Antenna -- Inside? or Outside?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 19:58:40 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 73 Message: 73

From what I have heard as far as both reception of radio and television is concerned Outside is always deemed to be best.

However as other members have stated if you go outside you do leave yourself open to Nosey neighbours and the adverse elements of the weather.

Although I live in a bad VHF location with high hills all around me I do benefit from the fact that I am not overlooked by nearby streets or houses. In fact with lots of trees as well my location is very discreet and thus I have mounted my scanstick on the end of a very tall pole.

Funnily enough though one of my neighbours did ask when I was putting it up if it was going to cause interference with his TV set as he had suffered from CBer's at a previous location.

I explained as best I could that it was for receive only and no transmission equipment was in use.

If Nosey neighbours are a problem the mounting of a Discone is very obvious as well as looking unusual to the average person.

Might I suggest a vertical scanstick as it is not quite so obvious.

Best Wishes

Andrew

74. Attn for Robert Hayden

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 20:05:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 74 Message: 74

Robert , I would refer you back to message number 64.

If you have a scan from 450mhz I think you will be surprised at what you find.

Not all of the communications to which you refer have yet gone digital.

Best Wishes

Andrew

75. REMINDER -- MARTIN LYNCH OPEN DAY SAT 4TH DECEMBER

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-03 20:14:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 75 Message: 75

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Saturday 4th December)is the Martin Lynch & Sons open day.

Go to the "Links" in the margin and look for their website as it will give you all the relevant information.

There is plenty of parking and a possible boot sale of radio kit if the weather permits.

Sadly I cannot go as I am off to work in ten minutes and will be asleep most of tomorrrow daytime.

Best Wishes

Andrew

76. New Link Added

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-04 18:50:22 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 67 Message: 76

For Scramble Magazine

The Dutch Aviation Society/Scramble is an organisation which consists of 50 volunteers. We are dependant on information sent to us. If you have updates, pictures or new data. Useful for info on UK Military airfields, maps, frequencis, spotting areas etc.

Bill

77. Re: Antenna -- Inside? or Outside?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-05 11:54:41 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 73 Message: 77

Maybe I'm putting the cat amongst the pigeons here ...For VHF/UHF usage,
yes an indoor aerial will work ,and work quite well, as we are fully aware, the higher the receiving freq. the better, -less attenuation. BUT, supposing the person lives in a heavily populated area, with an indoor aerial the signals will have had to 'pass through' many, many structures, and it will be attenuated. The big advantage with an outdoor aerial is that it can be mounted to 'look over' the surrounding rooftops, thereby avoiding the attenuation that the indoor aerial must suffer. HF reception is, of course, a different matter altogether.
Regarding the 'personal' aspect of aerial installation, a couple of pages well worth a look. I'm not the author of this, - if somebody has $100 to spend on a radio set-up, spend $99 on the aerial'.The basic principle of those words can not be argued with.
http://www.aoruk.com/pdf/sa7000.pdf
It will be noted in the text, '(where)unobtrusive installation is essential' . Have look at the aerials' feq. response graphs.
Now the discone -
http://www.aoruk.com/pdf/da3000.pdf
again, have a glance at the freq. response graph. The reader may come to the conclusion that 'discones' aren't such a good idea after all. In fact the offerings in the market place aren't true discones at all.Sure they have a 'disc' and a 'cone', but that is the only common factor. A 'true' discone for other than uhf freqs. is a large object.I hope the links work. Eric--- In
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> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

78. Re: Antenna -- Inside? or Outside?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-05 13:15:14 UTC
From: mrfheoughepgh
Topic: 73 Message: 78

Have to agree with the general principles. There are two main aspects to a receiving antenna.
1) As VHF/UHF are essentially 'line of site' then the more objects the signal has to pass through the weaker the signal you will receive. Height and inside/outside both contribute and a compromise will always be needed (a 400m high mast might be alright for the BBC but bit much in my backyard, anyway most of the signal will be lost in the downlead :-)).
2) The actual antenna used ie design receive frequencies compared with the frequencies you wish to receive ie the comments re discones etc.
One thing I have found in many years scanning is that the return on money invested in an antenna is not always like for like. £10 on a simple VHF broadcast band dipole from B&Q will give excellent results, especially if you mount it high up in the clear. Spend 10 times that amount and mount in a similar position will bring better results, BUT my experience is that you will get no where near 10 times the signal, more like 10% better, only a rough approximation and a personnal view.
If you have loadsa dosh then the best antenna money can buy must be the best bet, but otherwise don't expect miracles.
Hope this helps.

Best regards..

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric" <taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
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> usage,
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79. Re: Life on 2.182Mhz (Usb)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-05 11:19:18 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 49 Message: 79

Hello All,
The list of warship callsigns got lost somewhere- it's easy enuf
to find though, yahoo search 'ship call sign', the url is
www.godfrey...etc.
Here, at last, is a good site for ship c/s's
http://www.geocities.com/freighterman.geo/shipsatsea.html
Our friend H8YR is the Panamanian reg. tanker 'SCARLET', a medium
sized vessel so is most prob. a 'product carrier', a 'parcel
tanker', -gasoline, Av fuel,heating oil, etc. etc. . You will see on
the www.geo site, it says press here for ships not listed below,
that goes to a US Coast Guard site that looks very useful. Eric
--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
>
> Oh good, it's found its way home (a missing posting). Eric--- In
> essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
> <taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Folks,
> > Eric now has a headache, yes indeed. I know that
H8YR
> is
> > a Panamanian registered ship.Panama being one of the many 'flag
of
> > convenience' registries. Ship callsigns are 4 characters e.g.
> ship
> > QE2 is GBTT . Aircraft have a five character c/s e.g GABCD. I
have
> > just spent an age trying to find H8YR - nothing - not even on
the
> > ITU (Int. Telecomm. Union) website, Port of Liverpool(non-
existent
> > ship movements info.), Lloyds List - all a blank. It's amazing
> that
> > Lloyds List, the daily newspaper, has all the info. required on
a
> > daily basis, but the wonderful WWW. is one big zero! . Maybe
I've
> > been looking in the wrong place, but the internet has beaten me.
> > I'll try again later. Eric--- In
> >
>
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
> > " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> > >

> > > Finally today I heard some life on 2182.
> > >
> > > At 17.21 I heard a call from a callsign of H8YR.
> > >
> > > He was answered by Netherlands coastguard and they proceeded
to
> > give
> > > each other a radio check.
> > >
> > > They each reported fading modulation and signal reports of 2-3.
> > >
> > > H8YR was apperently at Liverpool Docks , I wonder if any
members
> > > have any ideas on what the callsign is?
> > >
> > > Interestingly at my location both gave good audio with H8YR at
7-
> 8
> > > and Netherlands Coastguard very strong at +15/20.
> > >
> > > This was heard on my Kenwood R5000 through my Wellbrook ALA
1530
> > > loop antenna.
> > >
> > > Best Wishes
> > >
> > > Andrew

80. A BIG THANKYOU

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-05 17:00:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 80 Message: 80

Yes a Big Thankyou to all the members that are posting details of websites and frequencies to the group.

This is exactly what we need to help each other out.

I was thinking recently whilst listening to some Amateurs having a chinwag on 80 metres , that my hobby is a bit of a lonely one , I am listening away and sharing from all the info I am hearing but know one knows I am here.

That was one of the contributing factors to starting the group , a place where like minded souls could come together and share , learn and benefit from each other.

Best Wishes

Andrew

81. Re: Antenna -- Inside? or Outside?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-05 18:06:05 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 73 Message: 81

I'm in general agreement with you, but I did write 'Regarding the personal aspect of aerial installation'. The 'personal' angle involves visibility to the general public, hence my ref. to the SA7000 'stealth' type aerial. The cost, whether inexpensive or expensive is a relative matter between the buyer and his bank account, and not for myself to comment on. Again, if somebody wants a 400m mast in their backyard, go ahead, it's your backyard - do what you will. If you can get around the local council that is - but that is your personal business. The market is awash with inexpensive aerials of various types, and countless other inexpensive consumer grade items by the barrowload, most of it is tomorrows car-boot fodder. Discones, - if somebody wishes to purchase such a commodity surely it makes sense to spend just a few percent more and buy one that won't drop to bits spearing unsuspecting passers-by with oxidised aluminium pointy bits every time the friendly cock robin stops by for a breather. The ten quid job from B&Q will, I have no doubt work perfectly well- for VHF broadcast. If 'readies' are a big 'problem' for a prospective purchaser, well, save ones non-existent cash - a few bits of wire cut to size will do a fine job for £00.00 . How about a rockin' an' rollin' discone. Easy. Just go to any handy Gov./Mil. suppliers, and there, will be found the worlds ultimate hardware. To many, the lottery number price tag could be difficult to even comprehend, yes indeed, maybe not much better than 10% reception performence overall, but there will be far fewer freq 'holes' and no fear of the neighbours having to venture out wearing a tin hat during windy weather. Of course the weight of the thing could bring the chimney down, but that is a personal matter and can not be blamed on the discone. It would indeed be naive to expect miracles. The basis, as is well known, being the gain of a dipole in free space, and that is db0 for aerial performance measurement. If an aerial falls much short of that theoretical figure, it begs the question - why? My personal preference is to buy equipment that suits my personal requirements. No surprise there. I detest shoddy, counterfeit, look alike, made in some distant sweatship junk, that with its built-in obscolence, self-destructs on day 366. If the readies aren't immediately available, I will be a patient boy and wait 'til they hopefully are. If I need an aerial quickly for a particular freq or purpose I reach for wire, a pair of pliers, various fasteners including of course the super universally useful Blue-tak and do the best job I am capable of doing. My efforts wouldn't win a beauty contest - but sometimes they do actually work, - and that in itself is a bl**dy miracle. Before I shut-up, many thanks to all, from yours truly, for the very interesting postings. More later. Eric --- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "mrfheoughepgh"

<phil.decamps@d...> wrote:
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82. DIARY DATE FOR SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2005

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-06 03:49:23 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 82 Message: 82

On Sunday 20th February 2005 I will be making the annual trip to Stevenage Arts & Leisure centre for what is effectively the former London Radio and electronics show.

Up until a couple of years ago this show was based in London and was held at the Picketts Lock sports centre and was hosted by Radiosport.

Radiosport hosted their last show at Stevenage last year and have handed the mantle to Southgate Amateur Radio Club.

The Stevenage venue is very nice and is easy to get to with loads of parking and right next to the train station and Tesco supermarket. There are plenty of local ammenities.

Admission is from 10.00 am and will cost you £3.00

I have added the date to the group calender as it is always a goodshow with all the major exhibitors being present.

I have also added the show website into the "Links" it is very comprehensive and will give you all the information you need on how to get there , local services (food etc.)and who will be exhibiting.

It's got to be a great way to spend a damp Sunday in February.

Best Wishes

Andrew

83. Hello.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-06 22:14:49 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 83 Message: 83

Hi Andrew & All,
What a great idea! I went on to ebay at about 18:00
saw your link,clicked on it and it's now 22:00.I've read all 80+
messages, very interesting they were too.
I would also class myself as a novice swl, dxer, listener..etc
but in the short time I have considered it a serious hobby I've got
immense satisfaction from listening across the bands, be they
HF,UHF/VHF or wherever I find myself.
I don't have any particularly fantastic kit,just an old Yaesu
FRG7700 shortwave receiver which I have rigged up to a Sony AN-1
active antenna in the loft and a GRE PSR225 with one of those desktop
discones residing on the metal lid of a disused Calor gas heater,
also in the loft.
I am a member of the BDXC (British DX club)and I find that
their monthly newsletter "communication" is very interesting and
informative.
Anyway that'll do for now, thanks for the group and hopefully
the opportunity to exchange views and ideas and learn a lot more
about our hobby...Cheers.

84. Re: Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-06 22:44:31 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 19 Message: 84

Andrew, Yes it does sound like Olivia radio doesn't it? In fact it's
Olympia radio (callsign SVO) Athens. The Woman(or Man sometimes)is
giving out channel numbers to call them on, alternating English and
Greek.There are some frequencies that are clearer than others.When I
get a minute I'll see if I can come up with some alternatives.
Only once have I heard anything other than the repetitive Greek
Lady and that was a ship to shore/ship to ship radio telephone
transmission in a tongue that unfortunately I am not privvy to.
I hope this is of some interest?
Cheers,
Pete.

ssex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning"
<essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> Around 00.00hrs Sun 28/11/2004 I heard a transmission on 6.507Mhz
> (usb) and I wonder if any members could shed any light on its
origin.
>
> The transmisssion was constantly being repeated in a couple of
> languages , one of which was not very clear english and the
> transmission basically went like this.....
>
> "This is Olivea (or at least thats what it sounded like) Radio
> (female voice) 806 , 1252 , 1629 , 1640 , 2210 , 2217"
>
> and thats all it said , just being repeated over and over again.
>
> Any ideas? I cannot match it up to anything that is in my frequency
> guide all though I am presuming that the numbers relate to times
for
> something or another.
>
> The transmission was fairly weak (signal strength 3) but suffered
> more from poor English than any interference.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

85. Cheers Pete.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 03:07:28 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 85 Message: 85

Welcome to the group Pete , a special Thankyou also for reading all the messages and coming across message No.19 where upon I was asking for help on that repetetive messsage on 6.507Mhz.

Interesting that you say they are channel numbers as they seemed to match up in order and number to times of the 24hr clock.

You say the transmission is from Greece , any idea what it is in particular i.e marine , airband etc..

Interesting to note your kit Pete , tell me are you in the Essex area or somewhere else?

Best Wishes

Andrew

86. Pete (Squire9802) Ammendment to last message

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 03:12:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 86 Message: 86

Sorry Pete re-read your original message.

It could be my SW inexperience showing through here , but you say Olympia Radio , does this mean that we are hearing a commercial broadcaster using ssb or is it shipping?

I can't really get up into the shack this time of morning and consult my books on this , so please excuse me if it seems like a daft question , I am just asking while i think of it.

Best Wishes

Andrew

87. Sunspots / Solar activity

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 03:25:09 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 87 Message: 87

Over the past few weeks I have been listening on a Sunday evening to a group of regular UK radio Amateurs on 80metres.

Last night they where remarking on how good the HF conditions were and how poor they have been recently because of solar flares etc, etc.

I understand that we have an 11 year solar cycle that controls conditions on Shortwave and that at the moment we are roughly at the worst part of the cycle and over the next few years should be able to look forward to a dramatic improvement in conditions with improved DX etc.
I am sure for many members , myself included this will be an improvement in activity that we haven't experienced before.

I know that in Shortwave magazine pages are set aside for propagation reports and forecasts.

However I would be interested to know if any members know of any good websites or links where this activity or forecasts are updated on a regular basis.

I am going to have a look myself and will add anything worthwhile to the "Links" section , if I find it.

Best Wishes

Andrew

88. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Sunspots / Solar activity

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 12:06:52 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 87 Message: 88

In a message dated 07/12/04 03:26:21 GMT Standard Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

However I would be interested to know if any members know of any
good websites or links where this activity or forecasts are updated
on a regular basis.

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Best Wishes

Andrew

Hi Andrew.
If you type, "HF Propagation", into Google.....

How long have you got?
:-)

Lou

89. Re: Sunspots / Solar activity

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 12:25:25 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 87 Message: 89

Hello Lou,
Not wishing to be nosey, but how did things go with ML and
the new aerial, if no reply I understand . Thanks. Eric
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> Lou

90. Re: Pete (Squire9802) Ammendment to last message

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 12:47:43 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 86 Message: 90

Hello again Andrew, no it's not a daft question.In fact it's the sort of question I could and probably will ask thousands of!! I have little expertise and about the same amount of knowledge at the moment but much like yourself I'm keen to learn
more. .
With reference to Olympia radio,I believe it to be a utility shipping channel.As I said, I have only managed to find anything other than the usual transmission once.It sounded to me like a conversation between two blokes either ship to ship or ship to shore.
I am going to go through the numerous frequencies that I have listed for them and I will let you know the frequencies.
Sorry I forgot to mention my location, it's Eastbourne in East Sussex (roughly mid-way between Hastings & Brighton).
Just to jump briefly back to Olympia, the reason that you couldn't find it in your listings might be because they don't list utility channels in most books.However, Klingenfuss utility guide has all such stations listed. More later, thanks,
Pete
P.S.Maybe one of our friends who is au fait with shipping broadcasts could let us know how accurate my information is?

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91. Re: Pete (Squire9802) Ammendment to last message

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 13:33:59 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 86 Message: 91

Hello All,
Here's a most excellent website. This is the
Athinairadio/SVA page. SVA being one of my old 'stamping grounds' so
to speak - but that was many years ago.
http://www.coastalradio.greater-peterborough.com/athinai.htm
Eric--- In
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92. Re: Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 14:41:07 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 19 Message: 92

Hello Pete and All,
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93. Re: Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-07 15:50:28 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 19 Message: 93

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94. Thanks to all the members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 03:09:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 94 Message: 94

Thanks to all the members for the latest messages and info regarding my query into the transmissions on 6507Mhz etc.

Best Wishes

Andrew

95. Pete's aerial query.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 03:22:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 95 Message: 95

Pete , I too would be interested to hear a more experienced listeners views on the earthing of a receiver.

When I bought my first desktop receiver I had a half size G5rv aerial and that was basically twice the length of my garden and completely unusable , I swapped it with the guy who sold me the radio for an RF systems MTA (Magnetic Transfer) antenna , which is a mini-windom and can be strung up quite easily in the loft space.

If you go into photo's there is a picture of this antenna.

I still use mine with my Panasonic Db600 for commercial broadcast listening.

However before I got my Wellbrrok loop I used it for all my HF listening and I have to say I was impressed by the indoor results.

It sounds as though you can't put up an outdoor antenna , I wonder if any of the other members have some indoor suggestions?

Incidentally as far as the RFsystems antenna is concerned the only UK supplier I know of is Haydon Communications , sadly they do not have a website but they are big in mail order and always have a double page pull out of advertising in Shortwave magazine.

Best Wishes

Andrew

96. Disconnecting Antenna's from Receivers

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 03:31:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 96 Message: 96

I have got into the habit of disconnecting my aerials from the receivers when not in use in case of a lightening stike blowing them sky high.

I recently overheard some Radio Amateurs talking about "static build up" on aerial systems.

I wonder if any members in the know might be able to offer some advice on this topic and how we might all go about the best way of protecting our equipment from any sort of electrical damage.

To the best of my knowledge I am assuming that this is only a problem for those with outdoor aerials , although I would like someone to correct me if this is not the case.

Best Wishes

Andrew

97. Many Thanks for this Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 03:43:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 86 Message: 97

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98. Re: A bit of fun from the AOR AR8200 Yahoogroup -ya gorra laff

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 12:18:57 UTC
From: Eric Rockett
Topic: 98 Message: 98

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> The AR8200 Mk I/II/III mailing
> list Group Member
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> From: "Eric" <taurusrockett@y...>
> Date: Mon Nov 22, 2004 8:07 am
> Subject: Re: how is the MK3 on
> HF/shortwave bcb
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> Hello Bryan and Kev,
> Not a load of crap at all. The 5mtr.
> Sangean (
> I have a similar item for use on a Sony
> portable that 'couples' to
> the whip) can hardly be called a long
> wire. The AOR loop I mentioned
> is a tuned loop, and therefore acts as a
> preselector would, not to
> be confused with an untuned loop that
> will present all received (and
> amplified) frequencies to the front end
> of the receiver, thereby
> possibly causing overload in receivers
> with inadequate front ends.
> Thanks for the replies. Eric--- In
> ar8200@yahoogroups.com, Kevcat
> <kevcat@d...> wrote:
> > Geez
> > what a load of crap
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> > I have a Mk1 and use a Sangean roll up
> long wire antenna(approx 5
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> > metres) that clips to the end of the
> telescopic antenna
> > I have no trouble hearing the USAF in
> Guam and Hawaii, East and
> West
> > Pacific air control, San Fransico(US),
> Auckland(NZ) and Brisbane
> (Aust),
> > Numbers stations, I get good decodes
> of HF Fax, RTTY, CW and SSTV,
> > Broadcasters from all around the
> Pacific rim and Asia, all the
> signals
> > can be heard almost as clear on the
> 8200 as on my FRG7000 and
> Sangean
> > 818
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> > A long wire will not overload the
> front end as much as a loop
> antenna
> > which has a bit of gain where the long
> wire doesn't
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> > Eric wrote:
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> > > Hello radiotest2002,
> > > You couldn't be more wrong even if
> you
> > > tried. 'Scanner' type wideband
> receivers are first and foremost
> > > vhf/uhf radios, anything below 30mhz
> is an 'add on'. Forget about
> > > long, long, wires. This is one of
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> read
> > > in various publications written by
> people who really don't have a
> > > clue, they have read the same thing
> in another book and taken it
> on
> > > board. -Oh! it must be right because
> the book was dated 1930 and
> it
> > > has to be true today as it was then.
> Wrong. Long wires were

> needed
> > > for 1920's/1930's crystal sets to
> generate enough voltage to move
> > > the diaphragm in a pair of 1920's
> style headphones. A crystal
> set is
> > > merely an a.c. to d.c. rectifier, no
> rf amplifier, no audio
> > > amplifier - no nothing, hence the
> need for a long wire to
> generate
> > > enough output so that one can
> actually hear something.
> > > Another 'mantra' you will read or
> hear about is the 'earthing' or
> > > grounding systems. Once again, of
> necessity when using a crystal
> > > set. In most domestic situations it
> is very difficult to achieve
> a
> > > good rf earth/ground. A wire
> connected to a cold water pipe or a
> > > central heating radiator will most
> probably just increase the
> noise
> > > level on your receiver and nothing
> else. So as far as hf radio
> > > reception goes,when using a 'small'
> wideband receiver, forget
> about
> > > long wires and earths etc., you will
> only overload the front end
> of
> > > the radio and hear little except for
> a dreadful racket.The most
> > > sensible course of action is to go
> to the AOR website and select
> an
> > > aerial that is suitable for your
> requirements. Maybe the SA7000
> or
> > > one of the hf loops. Don't forget
> that AOR aerials are designed
> to
> > > work well with AOR radios.Simple as
> that. Sure, you can buy
> > > something for less money - well,
> carry on and see what
> > > happens.Almost guaranteed to be
> money thrown down the drain. The

> > > other alternative is to make an
> aerial yourself. Best of luck.
> > > Eric Somerset, UK

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Win a castle for NYE with your mates and Yahoo! Messenger
http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com

99. And now for something entirely different....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 12:53:32 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 99 Message: 99

http://www.schoechi.de/crw.html Maybe of interest, - clandestine radio. Eric

100. Re: Many Thanks for this Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-08 13:01:24 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 86 Message: 100

Thanks for that. I reckon that websites such as the coastalradio,
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101. Help with this commercial broadcaster?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-09 03:10:58 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 101 Message: 101

I came across a commercial broadcaster at 17.00hrs 8/12/2004 on 7520 Mhz AM.

It was mostly music of a middle eastern type and the spoken language was one I did not recognise.

The only bit I got sounded something like "Radio Fargo?"

The signal was strong enough at +9 with the RF gain only 1/2 open.

I consulted my various frequency guides and could find no match.

I wonder if any other members of the group have any ideas on the correct name and country of origin of this transmission.

Best Wishes

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102. HELICOPTER CRASH

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-09 03:20:08 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 102 Message: 102

A major rescue mission is underway tonight for a lost Navy helicopter off the coast of Cornwall.

According to the BBC radio news the rescue operation is being co-ordinated from RAF Kinloss.

I have just come in from work and cannot get up into the shack at this hour of the night.

I have instead whipped out my Sony SW55 and hooked it up to the pull out reel antenna but I'm not getting anything other than a high level of noise.

I wonder if any other members tuned in on 5680 Mhz have heard any interesting activity regarding this incident?

Best Wishes

Andrew

103. LONG WAVE MARITIME BEACONS??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-09 03:38:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 103 Message: 103

As I have stated before I am a relative novice and newcomer to this hobby.

Consequently I am here asking for advice on the subject of Long Wave Maritime Beacons.

I have in front of me the December issue of Shortwave Magazine and a whole page is given over to this subject.

However for newcomers like myself it doesn't really explain what these beacons are and what I as a listener should be looking for or expecting to hear.

It gives information on frequencies to try , in the meantime however I wonder if any experienced member of the group could shine a light on this subject for the benefit of those of us who are still learning.

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Andrew

104. Re: Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-10 10:22:11 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 19 Message: 104

Hello All,
Any more thoughts on another aerial as yet Pete? You may
have noticed in the AN-1 manual, under 'OPERATION',it says 'When the
coax is extended outside the building, the covering of the cable may
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words the 12mtr. cable is acting as a long wire, -not very
satisfactory at all, we paid for an active, not a long wire. For
some strange reason I have a great interest in compact aerials. I
say strange, in that I am surrounded by acres of farmland here, and
can more or less erect any type/size of aerial I wish, but the
fascination remains. So, as Phil mentioned the best bet is the best
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105. Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-10 17:25:32 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 105 Message: 105

Eric , I wonder if you have any experience of the Wellbrook Communications loop antennas.

I have recently purchased their ALA 1530 active loop antenna , and I have found the results very pleasing indeed.

I have it rigged up about 18 feet off the ground (an article in WRTH suggested height wasn't crucial). It is mounted with cable ties and insulation tape to a round wooden post which is bolted on to a cheap rotator for the benefit of LW & MW transmissions.

Now , Wellbrook do a similar loop antenna (The ALA 330s) for just SW which is apperently a higher gain antenna than the 1530.

I wonder if you have any thoughts on the purchase of an ALA 330s possibly improving my DX.

When I listen to Radio Amateurs they are sometimes communicating with distant staions whom I cannot hear. I wonder what sort of aerials they are using? Obviously the receive only antennas that I am using are fairly small but I have no trouble pulling in Hams from North America on 80metres at night.

Best Wishes

Andrew

106. Re: Help/Advice on this transmission

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-10 19:20:59 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 19 Message: 106

Hello All,
Thanks for your reply Eric. I haven't really given much more
thought to the aerial situation in the last few days. I am interested
by all the talk of Wellbeck loops and I'm going to check them out in
shortwave magazine etc. to see what sort of money they are.
Interesting what you say about the instruction manual for
the AN-1, as I didn't get one I wasn't quite sure of it's
capabilities. As it was I had to do a bit of a Heath Robinson on the
connector cable to convert it to the PL/SO fitting on the FRG.
I'm in no doubt that the receiver is currently being badly
let down by the shortcomings of the aerial and it will be interesting
to see how it performs when it's set up better,i.e.better aerial and
earthed. It is quite frustrating sometimes when a distant signal is
just out of reach.
On the other hand the PSR225 scanner performs very well
with the desktop discone in the loft via a JIM pre-amp, it picks
up "things" from far further afield than usual(not just signals
through a repeater either!)
Andrew, I've got a few Olympia Radio freqs for you to
try.All SSB (there are several digital/sitor ones too if you
wish):1695,1767,2590,4393,4399,6501,6507,8722,8734,13080,13095,13110,
13134,13170,17266,17290,17314,17317,17326,17359 & 17289. Hopefully
you may be lucky enough to hear something of interest and not just
our Greek lady friend. I wouldn't want her job, just repeating
numbers all day and night, would you? Cheers,
Pete.

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Hello All,
> Any more thoughts on another aerial as yet Pete? You
may
> have noticed in the AN-1 manual, under 'OPERATION',it says 'When
the
> coax is extended outside the building, the covering of the cable
may
> receive the signals. In this case, the setting of the switches on
> the antenna controller has no effect on the reception'. In other
> words the 12mtr. cable is acting as a long wire, -not very
> satisfactory at all, we paid for an active, not a long wire. For
> some strange reason I have a great interest in compact aerials. I
> say strange, in that I am surrounded by acres of farmland here, and
> can more or less erect any type/size of aerial I wish, but the
> fascination remains. So, as Phil mentioned the best bet is the best
> aerial that money can buy, 'specially in the field of active type
> aerials. Odd thing, - I'm a member of 22 groups and they've all

> gone quiet in the last day or two. Eric--- In
> essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "squire9802"
> <squire9802@y...> wrote:
> >
> > Hello Eric and All,
> > Thanks for the info re:channels etc. Yes the FRG seems to
> > perform alright and certainly much better than the DX394 that I
> had
> > previously. In your opinion Eric (and anyone else for that
> > matter),how important would you say that earthing a receiver is
> not
> > only as a safety measure but as a way of improving reception
> quality?
> > Any suggestions for an internal antenna/aerial that would perform
> > better than the AN-1?
> > Cheers,
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Pete.
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> > -- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
> > <taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
> > >
> > > Hello Pete and All,
> > > Yes, they will be ship calling freqs. e.g. 806 , 1252 = 8.060
> > mhz ,
> > > 12.520 mhz etc.. that is the usual way of things anyway. The
> usage
> > > of the word 'channel' refers to, for example, ch16 marine
vhf.It
> is
> > > merely a designator and bears little connection to
> the 'frequency'
> > > which is 156.800mhz. In other words ch and freq. are two
> different
> > > things or 'labels'. This may seem a bit nit-picky, but use of
> > > incorrect terminology causes all sorts of problems. In some
> scanner
> > > users manuals the scan function is often referred to
> as 'search'.
> > It
> > > is of course difficult enough to get through such manuals
> without
> > > being bamboozled by wrong term usage. Pete, you said you 'just
> had
> > > an old FRg-7700', Pete, you have a 'gem' there. It is still
> > reckoned
> > > by many that the Drake R-4C receiver has yet to be surpassed -
> and
> > > the R-4 series is 40 years old!. Little secret, - old is

usually
> > the
> > > best. Many modern rx's etc. are 'skimped' in the quest to keep
> > > prices down to feed the appetites of the more foolish consumer
> > (most
> > > of them unfortunately) who thinks that he can get something
> extra
> > > for nothing. No such thing as a free lunch. The AN-1. I am
> > listening
> > > to my Sony 7600 portable right now, tuned to Kinloss SAR
> 5.680mhz.
> > > If I were you Pete I'd hang onto the FRG with both hands and
get
> > > another aerial. The AN-1 is 'ok' for casual listening - but
> that's
> > > about it.The instruction manual more or less admits it's not
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> > > good. Eric --- In
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> > > > Andrew, Yes it does sound like Olivia radio doesn't it? In
> fact
> > > it's
> > > > Olympia radio (callsign SVO) Athens. The Woman(or Man
> sometimes)
> > is
> > > > giving out channel numbers to call them on, alternating
> English
> > > and
> > > > Greek.There are some frequencies that are clearer than
> > > others.When I
> > > > get a minute I'll see if I can come up with some alternatives.
> > > > Only once have I heard anything other than the
> repetitive
> > > Greek
> > > > Lady and that was a ship to shore/ship to ship radio
telephone
> > > > transmission in a tongue that unfortunately I am not privvy
to.
> > > > I hope this is of some interest?
> > > > Cheers,
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107. Message for Pete (Squire9802)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 08:20:38 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 107 Message: 107

Many Thanks for those additional frequencies to try Pete.

As far as Wellbrook loop antennas are concerned you will find little if anything at all in SWM.

My first knowledge of these antennas came when I purchased the 2004 copy of the World Radio Telvision Handbook , which contained some reviews.

If you click on the "links" section in the group margin there is a direct link to the Wellbrook Communications website that you can click and it will give you all the info that you need.

Best Wishes

Andrew

108. Re: Message for Pete (Squire9802)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 13:20:43 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 107 Message: 108

Andrew,
Thanks for the info.As I suspected Father Christmas is a
little short of cash at the moment but it is certainly of interest
for the future. As Eric points out, there's no such thing as a free
lunch and you get what you pay for. So for the time being I'll carry
on with the AN-1.
Let me know if you have any luck with the Olympia radio
frequencies.
I was interested in what you said about radio Fargo. It rang
a bell with me, unfortunately I took one of the pads I was using to
log reception to work and it went missing (a valuable lesson learnt)
and I can't find what I had written.However having checked some other
logs I may have picked up radio Farda and confused the two when I saw
your message, perhaps I'll monitor the frequency around the time you
state and see what happens.
Regards,

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109. Re: Message for Pete (Squire9802)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 16:09:44 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 107 Message: 109

Hello All,
The beacons are used for direction finding purposes. If you have
a loop aerial such as the Wellbrook and place it broadside to the
beacon, it will null and indicate the direction of the transmitter.
I know someone in the US who has the ALA330 and he thinks it's the
greatest ever. I would have thought the 1530 is good enough for
general listening, but I have no experience of the Wellbrooks so
cannot comment. If you can hear one amateur and not the other, it is
most prob. the skip distance or maybe he is using lower power etc.,
nothing to do with your loop. Wouldn't worry too much about earths.
For safety purposes-ok. For rf earthing, flat copper sheet connected
to copper mesh covering all of your garden might work ok., it will
provide capacitive coupling to the ground. So really.... . Yes
indeed, the little 'Jim' preamps are top-notch, a fine example
of 'you get what you pay for'.I have tested-out a few of the less
expensive jobs in the past and found them to be a nightmare, a fine
example of 'money down the drain'. My personal view regarding the
purchase of any item, radio or otherwise, is to put your hand in
your pocket and feel the pain. No pain -no gain. If the funds aren't
available to buy an item that actually works well, save up for it or
forget about it. Why buy junk that doesn't work???, why buy a
headache???. Take a look at ebay,- it's chock-a-block with crap that
people purchased because it was a 'bargain' or 'cheap'(decoded,
= 'DEAR'). Bear this in mind, - the 'overhead' costs for say a £40
preamp will be similar to an £80 Jim preamp. Maybe these costs are
£20,-leaving £20 for the circuitry and case, with the Jim that rises
to £60 for the circuitry and case, 3 times more gubbins ! Rough and
ready figures, but the principle is sound. Works with bottles of
wine, even better! 'Good gear' holds its value. As David Dickinson
the tv antiques auctioneer keeps drumming into people 'always buy
quality'. One of these days I'll tell you the story of my £600 food
blender, and why it is 'cheap as chips' compared to the usual £60
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110. Message for Pete.....JIM pre-amp

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 17:36:39 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 110 Message: 110

Pete , I was reading with interest about your use of a JIM pre-amp.

I have just been searching the Waters & Stanton website and cannot find one.

I wonder if you could tell me a little more about it and from where you got it.

I am thinking on wether or not this would be a vital addition to my shack , especially with my not so great VHF location.

I see that other members have given favourable feedback on this unit.

P.s when I get time I will have another go at Olympia Radio.

Best Wishes

Andrew

111. Many Thanks Taurus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 17:47:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 111 Message: 111

A lot of info in your last message , Cheers.

I think I will carry on with my Wellbrook Loop (ALA1530) and maybe in the summer when the weather and my budget are more suitable for erecting new antennas I might just put up the Wellbrook 330s just so I can see for myself any difference in performance.
It will also enable me to report back to the group any useful findings.

The thing that interests me and I find a little strange is that the Wellbrook Loop antennas are given terrific write ups in all published reviews and yet I can't seem to find may users.

Even the regular listeners in SWM are all using different antenna systems.

On another matter I am quite interested in these JIM pre-amps for scanning.
I am now wondering if I should be treating myself to this piece of kit for the coming Yuletide.
At the moment I am running a scanstick at 25 feet above the gutter line of my 2 storey house into my AOR3000A.
My general VHF location though is very poor so any extra help is always worth considering.

Best Wishes

Andrew

112. Re: Message for Pete.....JIM pre-amp

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 20:24:09 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 110 Message: 112

Hi Andrew and All,
Yes the good old JIM M-75, well worth having even
at the price of a cheap scanner (79.95).I got mine from Haydon Comms
up near you.In fact I did exactly what you suggest in one of your
earlier messages, dumped(gently) the Mrs. at Lakeside shopping centre
and drove back across to Haydons and did a pretty good impersonation
of a small boy in a sweet shop.
As an example of the results I have got from it, the scanner
was searching in and around the 450MHz range and picked up
transmissions from Ashford in Kent that were not audible with either
no pre-amp or the Radio Shack 20-0041 which seems to make little
difference and so unfortunately falls into the catergory that Eric
mentions that seem appealling at the price, I don't know what these
transmissions were, they appeared to be two way speech between some
sort of mobile units and a fixed base,more than that I could not
say.
The JIM has a BNC both ends so is ideal for the vast majority
of handhelds.However it can be used equally as well with a base
receiver as in my case either plugged directly into the scanners
aerial connection or connected by a patch lead.I have done the latter
as it brings the pre-amp out from behind the scanner and so aids easy
operation i.e. you don't have to keep fiddling about behind it
everytime you want to change freq. range, which brings me on to that
point.
The JIM has three pre-set ranges 24-2150, 108-185 & 225-1500 as well
as a gain knob for -10 to +20dB.
Anyway you've probably realised by now that I would recommend
you buy one if you can afford it or as the man says save up for a
while, it will be worth it.Take a tip from someone who made the
mistake of buying a crap one first then still having to save up for a
decent one having been half way there in the first place!!
Cheers,
Pete.
P.S. If you want to use a patch lead with the JIM please remember to
buy a BNC plug/BNC plug adaptor (same both ends) otherwise you won't
be able to connect the lead to the bottom of the pre-amp.Don't ask me
how I found that out.

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> P.s when I get time I will have another go at Olympia Radio.
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113. JIM M-75 ...further

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 20:39:08 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 113 Message: 113

P.P.S.
If you have a SWM to hand for this month or Nov.Check out the
advert on p.20 (Dec) and see the article in question.....Pete.

114. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] JIM M-75 ...further

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-11 21:26:31 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 113 Message: 114

For those who live a bit further away, you can get it
off the net at

http://www.nevadaradio.co.uk/acatalog/scanner-accessories.html

Post and package is cheaper as well

Bill

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115. Many Thanks Chaps.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-12 08:22:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 115 Message: 115

I think I have been swayed to make an investment in the JIM scanner pre-amp.

Once I have one and have tested it fully I will report my results to the group.

Well done on making the trip to Haydon Communications Pete , I am glad you found it worthwhile. As you discovered it is perfectly sited to offload some passengers at Lakeside shopping centre so you can enjoy some uninterupted browsing.

I can't believe that I missed out Nevada Communications from the list of "Links".

Thanks to WES for the reminder I will add it straight away.

Best Wishes

Andrew

116. Re: Many Thanks Chaps.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-12 14:35:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 115 Message: 116

Hi folks, this is just a brief qiky as this computer is driving me up the wall. There is no broadband in this area and so still on the clockwork wind-up phoneline effort- very very slow today. The Jim preamp is made by Mizuho who made top quality QRP (low power) aamateur gear. Don't quote me on this but it is 're-badged' by Jim Finch who runs Solid State Electronics. http://www.ssejim.co.uk . Jim is a good boy and a true professional. A while ago I phoned him up with a simple enquiry and ended up talking with him for about one and a half hours - just sorting the world out- nothing to do with radio at all !. I've not bought anything off him as yet - still thinking about a few items he has on offer. He makes some of the stuff himself.As he said - he just likes making things. You need to scroll right down the pages on his website.His Japanese wife is his webmistress - if that's the right word. So Jim is extremely worthy of being included in the Links section. Another essential is http://www.aoruk.com . I think I mentioned AOR before, I just forget for the minute. Once again, scroll right down the front page and have a look at the 'Table of contents' and 'Shortwave listeners guide', a really superb mine of authoritive information. Strange coincidence Haydon should be mentioned. I phoned Haydon on Friday and was very impressed indeed. I have found the biggest prob. with a lot of ham retailers is it's an initiative test just to get hold of someone who actually understands radio. And that in a radio shop! It beggars belief, it really does.Maybe that is why places such as B&Q employ the more 'mature' , who have a greater insight into their subject of 'hardware'or 'electricals' etc. . Anyhow, I spend a lot of time picking peoples brains to ferret out those who know their subject inside out, and can then feel confident enough to deal with them.All for now, but I did a quick DF with my indoor loop and it appears Radio Fardan(?) is coming from somewhere along a line drawn from here to Cyprus and beyond. At first 'glance' it sounds like a CIA backed 'freedom' type broadcast in maybe Farsi, being an Iranian used language,aimed at the student population. Then again, maybe all that is completely wrong. More later. Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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117. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Many Thanks Taurus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-12 20:49:11 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 111 Message: 117

In a message dated 11/12/04 17:48:47 GMT Standard Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

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Wellbrook Loop antennas are given terrific write ups in all
published reviews and yet I can't seem to find may users.

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I think that you might find that a Wellbrook loop at £150/160 ish, is a bit
more than a few quid spent on wire to sling between the house and a tree or
whatever you have available. Also to use one properly, there's also the cost
of a small/medium sized rotator top take into consideration!

I'm aiming to get a 330 but they 'aint cheap, also, I'm told that the
company reccomend that one reinforces the loop with a piece of garden cane, in case
of windy weather! - Anyone know more about this, apparently, "Heath
Robinson" solution?
Cheers.
Lou

118. Re: Many Thanks Taurus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-13 01:13:18 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 111 Message: 118

Hello Lou and All,
I'm sure you will hear the opinions of members of
this group,however, there is a very good write-up to be found ref.
the 1530 loop, at the 'south_coast_comms' Yahoo group in the files
section. I have no idea at all if the 330 is constructionally
similar to the 1530. Mike, the author of the review, complete with
illustrations and one photo of the mounted loop, describes how he
went about the job. He says he used 'a thick bamboo cane which was
waterproofed first'.This was then lashed with water resistant string
then hot melt glue and mounted on a plastic stud then glued with
more hot melt. The article is of fair length and interesting. Eric --
-- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., g0aqi@a... wrote:
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> In a message dated 11/12/04 17:48:47 GMT Standard Time,
> essexshortwavescanning@y... writes:
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> The thing that interests me and I find a little strange is that
the
> Wellbrook Loop antennas are given terrific write ups in all
> published reviews and yet I can't seem to find may users.
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> Even the regular listeners in SWM are all using different antenna
> systems.
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> I think that you might find that a Wellbrook loop at £150/160 ish,
is a bit
> more than a few quid spent on wire to sling between the house and
a tree or
> whatever you have available. Also to use one properly, there's
also the cost
> of a small/medium sized rotator top take into consideration!
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> I'm aiming to get a 330 but they 'aint cheap, also, I'm told that
the
> company reccomend that one reinforces the loop with a piece of
garden cane, in case
> of windy weather! - Anyone know more about this,
apparently, "Heath
> Robinson" solution?
> Cheers.
> Lou

119. G0aqi re;Wellbrook Loop .....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-13 03:02:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 119 Message: 119

I hear what you are saying with regard to the cost of a Wellbrook Loop antenna, but when you consider the hours that you might put into this hobby , over that number of hours it is probably going to be a small price to pay for a lot of use.

Now before I bought my Loop I contacted Wellbrook by E-mail with regard to the question of using a rotator.

As far as they were concerned when using the ALA1530 a rotator would only be required for LW & MW listening and at SW it was omni-directional.

I ordered mine via "The Shortwave Shop" (refer to "Links")and the chap on the phone was extremely helpful with regard to mounting suggestions.

The Loop is 1 metre diameter so for stability it was suggested that rather than mounting it like a lollipop it would be better to secure it to a wooden post both at the top and bottom of the loop.

With this in mind I hurried off to B&Q with the idea of purchasing a broom handle for the job, however before I got to the gardening section I found myself in the bit where they sell timber for fancy coving , staircase handrails etc and dowling. I found myself a lovely 10 foot lenght of 1 1/2 inch wooden pole and thought just the job.

Armed with a packet of very heavy duty cable ties (like the police use as hand restraints) and some electrical insulation tape I set off home to complete the job.

With the cable ties I used four at the top and four at the bottom of the loop in a criss cross figure of eight configuration and then taped the whole thing over with the insulation tape , this made for a very stable mounting indeed.

Now in my haste to erect my new aerial and try it out I did not treat the wooden pole so it will probably last a couple of years then rot and snap and then I will have to replace it , you may wish to treat your post with the appropriate wood preserve.

Anyway after all this the receiving results have been very good indeed and I am well pleased.

Best Wishes

Andrew

120. Thanks Eric .....2 new Links added

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-13 03:12:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 120 Message: 120

Thanks for the info on Solid State Electronics and AOR, Eric.

I will add them into the "Links" section forthwith.

Best Wishes

Andrew

121. Stuart320 (Welcome)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-13 03:24:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 121 Message: 121

Welcome to the group Stuart & all new members not mentioned previously since the last Welcome.

I hope you find it as enjoyable and as useful as I am myself.

Best Wishes

Andrew

122. A couple of Frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-15 20:06:45 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 122 Message: 122

Hi All, a little bit of info

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Tomorrow may be the last day before Christmas as I have a strange feeling our armed forces may be having a couple of weeks off.

Cheers

Bill

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123. Where have you all gone.....?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 03:50:31 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 123 Message: 123

Crikey , its all gone very quiet.

Everyone must either be spinning the dial or out doing the Christmas shopping.

Anyhow Thanks to Bill for those latest frequencies to try out , I can't have a go tomorrow but will keep them in mind for another occasion.

My next listening day will be Sunday evening so if anyone has any frequencies to suggest for me please post them up asap.

Best Wishes

Andrew

124. Re: Where have you all gone.....?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 09:32:10 UTC
From: taurusrockett
Topic: 123 Message: 124

Hi Andrew and All,
All the groups are quiet. I've tried to spot a
pattern to all this but none appears.All very strange.More later.
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" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

125. Easy loop aerial

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 11:23:24 UTC
From: Eric Rockett
Topic: 125 Message: 125

A posting to scanpromauk of a couple of months ago in
reply to someones letter. Have a go at the loop if you
can- works quite well.If any more info required just
ask. Eric
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> Hello All,
> As PP says, for hf the best thing is a
> 'real' hf
> receiver. Paul mentioned a few scanners
> that are ok on hf. Radio
> Netherlands (go to www.rnw.nl , then to
> 'media', and then Receiver
> Shopping List)did a good review of the
> vr-500 and thought it was an
> ok radio. 2 stars out of 5 overall, but
> 4 out of 5 in its class.
> Slmjoy, I think I can safely say the
> reason you can't hear Kinloss
> is because, in Sterling, you are too
> close to receive the sky wave
> and too distant for the ground wave.
> Even so, with a reasonable
> aerial you should be able to hear
> something. The big problem with
> indoor aerials is the amount of domestic
> electrical hash they pick,
> thereby drowning all but the strongest
> signals. Most probably the
> ideal solution would be a shop bought,
> indoor, loop aerial. Seeing
> you want to make your own, you could try
> this. - This afternoon
> listening out for some freqs, I thought
> about yours and others
> situation, went down to my garage, got a
> 2ft diameter plastic hula-
> hoop that I bought years ago, with the
> intention of making a loop
> aerial - but never got around to it.. It
> pulled apart easily,

> revealing a plastic dowel with a hole
> through it. Taking 20ft. or so
> of thin insulated wire, I threaded it
> through the hole and ended up
> with 3 turns inside the hoop. A total of
> approx. 18ft of wire. Then
> the ends of hoop were gently pushed back
> together with the 2 wire
> ends hanging out. These being twisted
> together to form a single
> feeder about 8 inches long. The next
> step was to cover the hoop in
> aluminium kitchen foil. Seeing this was
> a simple 'lash-up' job, the
> foil was roughly wrapped around and
> loose bits glued down with a
> glue stick, leaving a couple of inches
> where the wires emerge from
> the hoop uncovered. The resultant loop
> was set against the wall
> behind my receiver. I plugged in a short
> length(8 inches) of coax
> with a PL type plug on the end, to the
> receivers aerial socket. The
> foil on the hoop was in contact with the
> ouside of the PL plug. One
> wire from the hoop was also in contact,
> and the other wire was to
> the center terminal of the PL plug,
> thereby connecting the
> contraption to the receivers aerial
> input. I did say it was a lash
> up... I switched on and tuned to
> 3.520mhz thereabouts. Normally
> quite noisy, but with the hoop it was
> very quiet and cw signals were
> easily heard. I then disconnected the
> hoop and tried a 10ft piece of
> wire. The noise returned with a
> vengeance and all signals drowned
> out. A quick test at 15mhz and the time
> signal was coming in fine. I
> tried it with the foil shield
> disconnected and the noise increased
> somewhat. Not a lot, but noticeable. So
> the shield worked. I briefly
> tried 5680, but he wasn't transmitting.
> Volmet was booming in. So
> the 99p hula hoop, a bit of wire and
> foil performed beyond

> expectations. If you wish to try this at
> home and do not have a hula
> hoop or suitable child to steal one
> from, do not fret. A couple of
> garden canes crossed and lashed, or even
> the wire looped and held
> with sellotape will do. This has been a
> bit long winded, but Slmjoy
> didn't seem too familiar with connecting
> things up. I also tried a
> single turn loop, without the foil, cut
> to 190cm or so, for around
> vhf marine 156mhz. It received very well
> up to about 166mhz, a lot
> better than the telescopic adjusted to a
> 1/4 wavelength. Making up
> the loops and listening around took only
> an hour, so it is hardly a
> scientific test.

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126. DIY 'active aerial'

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 11:30:46 UTC
From: Eric Rockett
Topic: 126 Message: 126

Another posting to Scanpromauk. This works very well
with the Jim/Mizuho M75 preamp. A kind of DIY active.

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> From: "Eric" <taurusrockett@y...>
> Date: Sat Oct 9, 2004 4:10 pm
> Subject: An indoor scanner aerial for
> the price of a pint
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> This is for the newcomers to the hobby,
> starving students and
> poverty stricken married men(like me). I
> was in the local town this
> morning and bought one of those cheap
> fm/tv aerials, the type with
> two telescopics, ?2.99. On the packet it
> said 'isolated for safety'
> so I removed the base of the unit and
> found two capacitors - just
> for good measure I twisted the two wires
> together, on each one, to
> short each out of the circuit. The
> telescopics measuring from
> 20cm up to 92cm extended. At a quarter
> wave that gives coverage from
> 81mhz to 375mhz or so. A standard sized
> scanner telescopic being
> 13cm to 62cm thereabouts, giving a
> coverage of 121mhz to 555mhz -
> again approx. Given that vhf/uhf aerials
> are usually good for 10mhz
> either side of the resonant freq. the tv
> aerial is ok for 70mhz to
> well over 400mhz, whereas the smaller

> scanner telescopic is down to
> only 109mhz.I had a quick listen lower
> down and Shanwick in the 5mhz
> band came in ok. Some may have
> difficulty with changing the plug,
> but co-ax to bnc adaptors are available.
> It works very well, and
> could be hung from a wall or curtain
> rail for that all-important
> extra altitude. Handy for
> travel/portable use as well. Eric
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127. Re: Question for item #5738329766 - H.F. YES H.F. DESKTOP ANTENNA THAT WORKS.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 12:00:09 UTC
From: Eric Rockett
Topic: 127 Message: 127

The above ebay item sparked my curiosity so I emailed
and here is the reply. It's a great shame that there
aren't more UK companies that manufacture stuff here.
A fine example of UK quality is the AOR AR7030(I don't
have one - yet) designed and manufactured in the UK.
--- G4KZJ@... wrote:
> GREETINGS
> THE ANTENNA IS MY OWN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURED BY MY
> COMPANY KZJ
> COMMUNICATIONS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS
> REGARDS
> WILL G4KZJ
>

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128. Re: A couple of Frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 12:06:38 UTC
From: taurusrockett
Topic: 122 Message: 128

Hello Bill,
Thanks for the freqs. . 5mhz is coming in fine, can
hear summat on 4&3mhz but not sure if part and parcel. Eric
--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill Smith
<wes62d@y...> wrote:
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>
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> Thursday off, there are a couple of frequencies that
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> Cheers
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> Bill
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129. Rx's and aerials,-just for a change....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 12:32:27 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 129 Message: 129

Hello All,
Say Andrew, how do you find your SW55 and SW07? The SW07 is on my 'must have' list, it's near the top of the list, about No. 200 ... . As all may have noticed, it's often quite difficult to find transmissions (VHF) that are on the air for any length of time. So if testing out a new aerial idea it makes things a little difficult. Three places on the dial that are useful are-
1.) 31.0375 to 31.2125 mhz, cordless telephones.
2.) 49.800 to 49.990 mhz, baby alarms.
3.) 70.5 to 71.5 mhz fire service.
So a good spread of freqs in the lower vhf range. Of course the baby alarms are the most reliable,left on all day, so all the time in the world to switch aerials around. Eric

130. Reply to Eric re; Sony SW55 & SW07

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-16 17:35:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 130 Message: 130

Eric , the SW07 is an excellent little radio that I have taken all over the world and it has never let me down.
The FM reception is superb and more importantly to me so is the SW , MW & LW.
What is particularly important is that I often use the radio on timer when I finish work in the early hours with a set of headphones, that way I can go to sleep without the noise waking up the Mrs.
Due to the low volume I am listening at it is very pleasing that there is absolutely no amplifier noise unlike some of the previous Roberts models that I have owned.
A couple of years ago I paid £200 for my SW07 , however if you keep your eye on Ebay there is a seller called "products-perfect" who I have often seen selling brand new ones of these on Buy It Now at as little as £110.00.

With regard to my SW55 it just does not get the use it deserves , it is a great radio and one I would be loathe to part with.
I have seen them on Ebay for as little as £65.00 although they seem quite scarce.
It is obviously a much bigger radio than the SW07 and as such boasts a bigger speaker and better sound. On headphones there is no difference.
The SW55 is so much easier to drive especially on the SW bands , however unlike the SW07 it does not have Synchronous Detection.
In addition to the standard whip the SW55 comes with a reel antenna that clips onto the whip.
The SW07 comes with a lovely little foldable loop antenna that is powered via a unit that plugs into the radio.
It has provided nice results , it is a shame however that it can only be powered from the internal workings of the SW07. I tried plugging into my SW55 and although the 3.5mm connection was the same the SW55 would provide no power to the little box of tricks that the loop runs off of.
In summary my SW55 is basically my indoor radio and one that I use downstairs and not in the shack.
My SWO7 is the one I take when I am travelling and the one I use on a daily basis at work and when I go to sleep on its timer.
Any net reviews that you read will usually give both of these radios good write ups with above avearge to good ratings.

Best Wishes

Andrew

131. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 02:49:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 131 Message: 131

Oxfordblue1400 has joined the group.

Welcome Oxford , on behalf of myself and all the other group members
I hope you enjoy the group as much as we all do.

Best Wishes

Andrew

132. Message for Eric re; homebrew loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 03:02:57 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 132 Message: 132

Eric a coupls of questions with regard to that homebrew loop.

I notice that the copper wire was insulated and turned 3 times.

Is the number of turns and the 18ft lentgh crucial?

I seem to recall from my CB days some 20 years since that my GPA was 18ft in length and matched 1/2 wave , possibly?

This is where my shortwave knowledge begins to falter. I understand the rudiments of how shortwave signals travel but when it comes to actual wavelengths etc I am starting to operate in thus far unexplored territory.

My second question regards the wrapping of the loop in tin foil. Does this serve any receive purpose or is it purely cosmetic?

I am going to read the article again so my next question may be answered there but does this antenna requir any sort of tuning unit?

You may already be aware that I am running a Wellbrook ALA 1530 active loop antenna. Now I know that this is an "Active" antenna and receives its signals from the magnetic part of the shortwave as opposed to the electric. It requires no separate tuning device.

I wonder if you might know how the homebrew loop compares with my Wellbrook , not so much in performance but in how it actually works?

Best Wishes

Andrew

133. Re; Indoor HF antenna spotted by Eric on Ebay

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 03:24:25 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 133 Message: 133

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I have posted the photo of this antenna in the group photos.

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It would be nice if I could have a half decent SW antenna that I can use downstairs on my SW55 when access to the shck isn't possible.

The vendor of this antenna currently has 8 for sale over the next 7 days at a cost of £30.00 each.

If I end up buying one I will report back to the group in due course.

Thanks again to Eric for spotting this.

Best Wishes

Andrew

134. Another Welcome.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 03:48:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 134 Message: 134

Welcome to radioactive , many thanks for joining the group.
Hope you enjoy it.

Best Wishes

Andrew

135. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re; Indoor HF antenna spotted by Eric on Ebay

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 11:51:57 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 133 Message: 135

Hi Andrew, all.
I must apologise for my lack of posting to the group.
All I seem to do lately is bloody work!!

Hi Eric, how are you mate?
I'll e-mail you personal soon.

I too spotted this little number yesterday.
I have my eye on something at the moment, if I don't get it,
I might just be tempted to get one these.

Hope you're all ok, nice little group Andrew ;-)

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2004 3:24 AM
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136. HF Desktop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 21:18:41 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 136 Message: 136

Hello All,
That looks like an interesting antenna. As some of you may
recall I was considering an alternative (other than long wire) to my
Sony AN-1. If any of the group buy one I would be keen to hear a
review. On the other hand,if I get one I will let the group know my
results.
On a different subject I wonder whether any of the group have
ever had any fun or otherwise with frequency counters? I have an
entry level Watson FC130 which I have ventured out with on a couple
of ocassions with limited success. It seems that I may need to be
near enough to shake hands with the person transmitting to pick up
the frequency. Anyone had any experience with these gadgets or indeed
does anybody have any tips on how I could maximise my results?
Cheers for now,
Pete.

137. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 22:48:15 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 131 Message: 137

Hi Andrew, and the rest of the members

Many thanks for the welcome mail. My name is Nigel and am located in Oxford. Just getting back into the hobby after a break of about 10 years or so. I used to be licensed (G0CQZ) but that has lapsed, I always used to get more enjoyment from listening rather than transmitting anyway. Just recently purchased an Icom PCR1000 and getting to grips with that at the moment. Anyone else in the group got one of these rigs?, offer any hints or tips?.
Look forward to contributing to the group.

Regards
Nigel

-----Original Message-----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
[mailto:essexshortwavescanning@...]
Sent: 17 December 2004 02:50
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest
member.....

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138. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 22:53:31 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 131 Message: 138

Nigel

Yep, I currently run the Icom PCR1000, what software
do you use, there are currently a couple of user
groups that although a lot of the users are in the
states, the info they provide is excellent.

For scanning, I use a program called Talk PCR, it is
now freeware, let me know if you want a copy

Regards

Bill

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Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 23:03:44 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 131 Message: 139

Hi Bill

Thanks for the reply, yes I am using TalkPCR, brilliant piece of software but only one problem, the damn nag screen that keeps on coming up every 30 seconds or so. That to be honest is really bugging me to the point of ditching it. I cant work out how to register it, if indeed I need to. Do you have this problem ?

Nigel

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Sent: 17 December 2004 22:54
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

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Regards

Bill

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> [mailto:essexshortwavescanning@...]
> Sent: 17 December 2004 02:50
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
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140. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 23:24:28 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 131 Message: 140

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Bill

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141. Another useful source of info

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-17 23:28:30 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 141 Message: 141

Hi All

Sorry about the PCR1000 chit chat, should have done it direct.

Another very useful soucre of info, in case you are not aware is Shortwave Magazine sister publication, Radio Active.

Covers all sorts, from military through to software, satellite etc.

Most decent newsagents i.e WH Smith, Borders stock it

Bill

PS

No connection with WH Smith, Borders or Radio Active

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142. No problem with the PCR1000 chit chat.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 07:34:36 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 142 Message: 142

The group is here for exactly these sort of discussions.

In fact things like this will stay in the message archive and could be useful to other members days , weeks or even months away from now.

I joined an American group for Kenwood R5000 users when one of my R5000's went wrong , old messages in the archive describing the same faults that my unit was having were invaluable.

Best Wishes

Andrew

143. Re: Re; Indoor HF antenna spotted by Eric on Ebay

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 07:51:07 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 133 Message: 143

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this antenna.

The picture shows a coaxial cable terminated with a BNC.
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a connection of any type including a 3.5mm plug.

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> If I end up buying one I will report back to the group in due
course.
>
> Thanks again to Eric for spotting this.
>

> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

144. Re: No problem with the PCR1000 chit chat.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 12:03:55 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 142 Message: 144

Hi All,
I agree.At present I don't have any intention of getting a
PCR1000 but if I decide to in the future I will have a selection of
honest opinions from people who have used the thing,warts & all.
Better in my opinion than a sales pitch.
Pete.

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145. Re: Reply to Eric re; Sony SW55 & SW07

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 12:46:47 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 130 Message: 145

Hello Andrew and All,
Many thanks for the very comprehensive review, all fully
understood. I must say that I've not come across anything better
than the Sony range of portables.You mentioned Roberts. I've never
forgiven Roberts for doing the dirty on the UK public.Years ago
their manufacturing moved to the far east from the UK.This was all
kept fairly quiet.Roberts continued to trade on their reputation of
quality radios aimed at 'middle England' types,complete with the
royal 'By Appointment' crest and all the rest of it. Their radios
are mainly 're-badged' mass production models, they are just a
marketing organisation.Their view seemed to be boll*cks to the
British public, they'll never notice the Made in ROC, or wherever,
tiny little label, no, -they're far too stupid for that, and the
Roberts label and royal crest will distract their attention. Maybe
so,but those of us with long memories do not relish the idea of
being taken for gullible idiots.So Roberts can go and jump into the
Yellow Sea,preferably in mid-winter,with their junk radios strapped
to their ankles as far as I'm concerned.Well,that's todays little
rant out of the way. Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> Eric , the SW07 is an excellent little radio that I have taken all
> over the world and it has never let me down.
> The FM reception is superb and more importantly to me so is the
SW ,
> MW & LW.
> What is particularly important is that I often use the radio on
> timer when I finish work in the early hours with a set of
> headphones, that way I can go to sleep without the noise waking up
> the Mrs.
> Due to the low volume I am listening at it is very pleasing that
> there is absolutely no amplifier noise unlike some of the previous
> Roberts models that I have owned.
> A couple of years ago I paid £200 for my SW07 , however if you
keep
> your eye on Ebay there is a seller called "products-perfect" who I
> have often seen selling brand new ones of these on Buy It Now at
as
> little as £110.00.
>
> With regard to my SW55 it just does not get the use it deserves ,
it
> is a great radio and one I would be loathe to part with.
> I have seen them on Ebay for as little as £65.00 although they

seem
> quite scarce.
> It is obviously a much bigger radio than the SW07 and as such
boasts
> a bigger speaker and better sound. On headphones there is no
> difference.
> The SW55 is so much easier to drive especially on the SW bands ,
> however unlike the SW07 it does not have Synchronous Detection.
> In addition to the standard whip the SW55 comes with a reel
antenna
> that clips onto the whip.
> The SW07 comes with a lovely little foldable loop antenna that is
> powered via a unit that plugs into the radio.
> It has provided nice results , it is a shame however that it can
> only be powered from the internal workings of the SW07. I tried
> plugging into my SW55 and although the 3.5mm connection was the
same
> the SW55 would provide no power to the little box of tricks that
the
> loop runs off of.
> In summary my SW55 is basically my indoor radio and one that I use
> downstairs and not in the shack.
> My SWO7 is the one I take when I am travelling and the one I use
on
> a daily basis at work and when I go to sleep on its timer.
> Any net reviews that you read will usually give both of these
radios
> good write ups with above avearge to good ratings.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

146. Re: Message for Eric re; homebrew loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 13:25:02 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 132 Message: 146

Andrew, the loop 'project' was just a bit of fun, an experiment, a lash up made from odds and ends,see if it works job for a wet Saturday afternoon, much the same as today. The 18' of wire just happened to be 3 turns pushed through the hula hoop.By comparison my AOR desktop loop has just one turn in the 9-30mhz loop,about 3'of wire in the 1' wide loop. The turkey foil was to mimic the aluminium Faraday shield found on your Wellbrook and my AOR.(It is not vital in this 'lash-up',but it may help reduce 'noise') The actual aerial bit being wound inside the 'loop', the loop itself isn't the aerial.The effort I knocked together is without tuning, it was basically a simple aerial for the Scanpromauk folks, intended for good, reduced interference listening to the likes of Kinloss etc..It does work ok with a variable capacitor in series with the loop, but for simplicities sake I didn't mention it.Any scaps of insulated wire twisted together will do,a square 'loop', rectangle, - anything - held together with Sellotape and the wires just stuck into the rx aerial socket will do, just to see if it works.It worked ok here with my radio, if it doesn't work for somebody else, - well never mind,- no cash has been wasted and the wire can go back into the junk box to be used again for other ideas. Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> Eric a coupls of questions with regard to that homebrew loop.
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> I notice that the copper wire was insulated and turned 3 times.
>
> Is the number of turns and the 18ft lentgh crucial?
>
> I seem to recall from my CB days some 20 years since that my GPA was
> 18ft in length and matched 1/2 wave , possibly?
>
> This is where my shortwave knowledge begins to falter. I understand
> the rudiments of how shortwave signals travel but when it comes to
> actual wavelengths etc I am starting to operate in thus far
> unexplored territory.
>
> My second question regards the wrapping of the loop in tin foil.
> Does this serve any receive purpose or is it purely cosmetic?
>
> I am going to read the article again so my next question may be
> answered there but does this antenna requir any sort of tuning unit?

>
> You may already be aware that I am running a Wellbrook ALA 1530
> active loop antenna. Now I know that this is an "Active" antenna
and
> receives its signals from the magnetic part of the shortwave as
> opposed to the electric. It requires no separate tuning device.
>
> I wonder if you might know how the homebrew loop compares with my
> Wellbrook , not so much in performance but in how it actually
works?
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

147. Re: Re; Indoor HF antenna spotted by Eric on Ebay

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 14:06:47 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 133 Message: 147

Hello and welcome to the new members, I'm sure you will like it here, it's a 'moron free zone', just straight-forward good folk, and nobody can ask for more than that.It's also acknowledged that 'The only bad question is the one unasked'. Ref. G4kzj and his items,obviously I can't vouch for the quality of his products or even if they do what it says on the tin,but what is so appealing is that he is 'local, can alter plugs etc. to anyones requirements,is more or less 'forced' to offer good equipment - ebay negative feedback will ensure any vendor will end up eating the dust, if fraudulent in anyway.So all in all he seems to be a 'good bet'.'Bet' is a suitable word as we never know until we try,that goes for anything really.I personally mainly buy 'blind' as I am unable to get to ham retailers to view the gear, so a lot of research is called for.Naturally, when, and if, I spot anything of interest I will post the details for perusal. A wide choice is the name of the game. Talking of plugs etc. , and as usual not wishing to teach my grandmother to suck eggs,by any stretch of the imagination,- that is why my letters assume that the reader has no knowledge of the subject at all, because I, and likely most others, have no way of knowing the level or proficinecy of group members.Hope that makes sense.. . As I was going to say, if anybody is contemplating the puchase of a soldering iron, take this advice fully on-board, - get a gas job. They are bl**dy marvellous. Eric --- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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148. For the 'Earth People'

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 14:21:16 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 148 Message: 148

If thinking about installing a DC earth,or the beginnings of an RF earth, one can buy a copper earth rod,-avoid the copper plated steel items, - they eventually rust. If the thought of banging a 5ft rod into hard earth puts one off slightly(not to mention pulling it out again for some reason or other), try one or more of these,-
Heavy Duty Ground Anchor, item no. 4802 052.
http://www.elizatinsley.co.uk
-easy to get in - easy to get out,can be buried out of sight.Mine cost five or six quid from a hardware shop, maybe a caravan oulet or similar would most prob carry them.Eric

149. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 14:41:42 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 131 Message: 149

Hello again Bill

The version I am using is 2.4, would be good to stop the nag screen as it ruins what I think is a great package. So if you can offer any suggestions I would be very grateful. Just as a matter of interest I managed to decode some brilliant pics of the NOAA WX satellites today using the PCr and a program I found on the web.

regards

Nigel

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150. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 16:11:02 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 131 Message: 150

All,

I have replied to Nigel off list, as I needed to send
him a file, which I hope will sort his nag screen out

Nigel, what software are you using to decode the
satillite images

Cheers

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151. HF Antenna - I think I've found it.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 20:10:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 151 Message: 151

With regard to the Indoor HF antenna that we have been looking at on Ebay I believe I have found a connector that will avoid the need to have the BNC replaced.

I was trawling the plugs and components on the Waters & Stanton site (see "Links") and have come across a BNC socket to 3.5mm mono plug that I think will enable the HF antenna to work on a small SW receiver.

I think that during the week I will pop down to Haydon Communications at Thurrock , Essex (NR.Lakeside shopping centre)and see if they have one there and can advise me for certain on it being the correct connecter.

Whilst I am there I will probably pick up the JIM M75 scanner pre-amp that we were discussing in earlier messages as they don't seem to sell it at W&S.

I will let the group know the outcome of this in due course.

Best Wishes

Andrew

152. Re: HF Antenna - I think I've found it.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-18 22:22:03 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 151 Message: 152

Andrew,
If u go to htpp://www.watersandstanton.co.uk type in the
search box m-75 it will come up, it's called Mizuho M-75 with W&S,
Mizuho being the manufacturers, 'Mizuho' or'Jim' is the same machine-
Same price as Haydon Eric-- In
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153. Re: HF Antenna - I think I've found it.....

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Date: 2004-12-18 23:01:47 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 151 Message: 153

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>
> Andrew,
> If u go to htpp://www.watersandstanton.co.uk type in the
> search box m-75 it will come up, it's called Mizuho M-75 with
W&S,
> Mizuho being the manufacturers, 'Mizuho' or'Jim' is the same
machine-
> Same price as Haydon Eric-- In
>
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
> " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> >
> > With regard to the Indoor HF antenna that we have been looking
at
> on
> > Ebay I believe I have found a connector that will avoid the need
> to
> > have the BNC replaced.
> >
> > I was trawling the plugs and components on the Waters & Stanton
> site
> > (see "Links") and have come across a BNC socket to 3.5mm mono
plug
> > that I think will enable the HF antenna to work on a small SW
> > receiver.
> >
> > I think that during the week I will pop down to Haydon
> > Communications at Thurrock , Essex (NR.Lakeside shopping centre)
> and
> > see if they have one there and can advise me for certain on it
> being
> > the correct connecter.
> >
> > Whilst I am there I will probably pick up the JIM M75 scanner
pre-
> > amp that we were discussing in earlier messages as they don't
seem
> > to sell it at W&S.
> >
> > I will let the group know the outcome of this in due course.
> >

> > Best Wishes
> >
> > Andrew

154. Jim M-75 preamp ebay item

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 01:25:18 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 154 Message: 154

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Maybe somebody watching this one, if not,-
item 5737874481 ends today 19th at 20:34
Eric
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155. Thanks Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 07:26:53 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 155 Message: 155

I don't know how I missed the M75 on Waters & Stanton although I was looking through the catalogue and i am still fairly sure it is not in there.

It will be a lot easier for me if I can get my bits at W&S as it is slightly less milage and the opposite direction of the Xmas shopping snarl ups of the Thurrock/Lakeside/Dartford Crossing area which for those who didn't know is where Haydon Communications have their shop (more like a warehouse - it's very good).

Best Wishes

Andrew

156. An amusing & informative read

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 08:09:58 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 156 Message: 156

I have been having a look at the AOR website this morning and have come across a mini site within called the "Old Listeners Guide" edited & written by Bob Ellis.

Now if the bands are quiet today and you have done all your christmas shopping then sit down and have a look , from what I have looked at so far it is very enjoyable.

There is even an HF propogation forecast , this is something that I had been enquiring about in earlier messages.

It's well worth a look just by clicking on the AOR website from the group "Links".

In fact I am also going to see if I can add a more direct link that does not involve going into AOR first.

Best Wishes

Andrew

157. The Old Listener's Guide.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 08:16:09 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 157 Message: 157

With regard to my previous message regarding the above guide there is now a direct link added.

Just go to the group "Links" and look for The Old Listeners Guide and click and it will take you straight there.

Best Wishes

Andrew

158. Check out this link

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 10:46:29 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 158 Message: 158

I don't know if anyone has heard of the DX Tuners network, basically it comprises of radios (various types) over the world that can be remotely controlled via the internet.

Have a look, there is a guest level, which does not cost anything.

http://www.dxtuners.com/

Cheers

Bill

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159. Re: Thanks Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 16:40:34 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 155 Message: 159

Thanks Andrew, The reason I knew W&S sold the M-75 is 'cos that's
where I got mine from. Yes, the Listeners Guide is really
excellent.The AOR site is full of 'goodies', just takes a bit of
time to get 'round it all. Eric--- In
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" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> those who didn't know is where Haydon Communications have their
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> (more like a warehouse - it's very good).
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

160. Talk PCR

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 19:07:36 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 160 Message: 160

Sorry - try this link, forgot to check the other one
and it is broken

http://www.arpa.org/radio/software/pcr/talkpcr/

Bill

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http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com

161. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-19 19:03:30 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 131 Message: 161

Nigel
For some strange reason, the mail with the file on has
just (24 hours later) been returned

Try downloading version 2.99d from the following link
and let me know how you get on

http://www.qrosoft.co.uk/tpv20/tpv2_99d.exe

Bill

--- Nigel Gardner <gardgas@...> wrote:
> Hello again Bill
>
> The version I am using is 2.4, would be good to stop
> the nag screen as
> it ruins what I think is a great package. So if you
> can offer any
> suggestions I would be very grateful. Just as a
> matter of interest I
> managed to decode some brilliant pics of the NOAA WX
> satellites today
> using the PCr and a program I found on the web.
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> regards
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> Nigel
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bill Smith [mailto:wes62d@...]
> Sent: 17 December 2004 23:24
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
> Subject: RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to
> our latest
> member.....
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>
> No, however I registered before it went freeware -
> what version are you using - I think (not sure
> though)
> that the nag screen can be sorted with the right
> version
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> Bill
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162. 2 New members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-20 03:24:32 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 162 Message: 162

A welcome goes out to our latest new members.

G8VZZ and Macnkai , I hope you enjoy the group and find it a useful and interesting place to be.

Best Wishes

Andrew

163. Thanks to Bill.....see message 158

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-20 03:34:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 163 Message: 163

Thanks for that new link Bill for DXtuners.com the site looks very interesting and I am going to go and have a little play now.

For the time being thogh I shall add it to the group "Links".

Best Wishes

Andrew

164. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-20 23:01:55 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 131 Message: 164

Bill

All I get when I try the link you sent is "file not found on this
server" !!!

Errrrmm any more ideas ??

Nigel

-----Original Message-----
From: Bill Smith [mailto:wes62d@...]
Sent: 19 December 2004 19:04
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest
member.....

Nigel
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just (24 hours later) been returned

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> Sent: 17 December 2004 23:24
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
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165. Welcome to our latest members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 02:28:55 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 165 Message: 165

Welcome to Linuspoint and G6 XOU I hope you enjoy being a member of our group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

166. Message for Bill.....?????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 02:55:57 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 158 Message: 166

Bill , I have been looking at Dx tuners.com and have logged in as a guest.
I can however hear no audio from the radios or see any activity on the tuning display or signal meter??

Any Ideas??

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill Smith <wes62d@y...> wrote:
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> network, basically it comprises of radios (various
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> Cheers
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167. Hf indoor antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 03:34:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 167 Message: 167

With regard to the hf indoor antenna (see photo's section) that we have recently been discussing in the group, I have taken the plunge & bought one.

Following a favourable e-mail correspondance with the Ebay vendor I asked him if he thought that the performance of his antenna would be better than my existing Sony wind up reel antenna.

His reply was such that he couldn't give an absolute opinion because all receivers and receiving locations vary greatly.
He did however state that if I was genuinly unimpressed (and he doesn't think I will be) that he could do no more than offer a refund.

On the basis of his huge amount of 100% feedback and very co-operative attitude I would risk my hard earned and give his antenna a go.

Once I have received it and given it a good test I will report my results to the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

168. Re: Message for Bill.....?????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 08:40:13 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 158 Message: 168

Guys for info
i have had a go at dx tuners and they work ok - you need to connect
the reciever before anything will happen - the downside to them is
that when i used the system - there were about 30 other guests tuning
the sets at the same time - all of them not knowing what they were
doing - result = madness - if you want to have a go with these then
the best time is out of hours when you can have a go to tune to the
frequencies you are interested in - after all the demo stations are
there to give you a taster so that you will part with your cash to
gain full access - nothing comes for nothing in this world - happy hunting

Andy 2e0aiv

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"essex_shortwave_scanning" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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169. Re: Hf indoor antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 08:49:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 167 Message: 169

Well done Andrew. I reckon it's of great interest and value that
folk share their experiences of the gear that we have or are about
to purchase, or even maybe more importantly, to put forward their
idea in the first place and hear the views of others. After all, we
are really walking in the dark if buying an item 'blind', so any
views are indeed most welcome. Having said that, I have an item on
the way to me right now. It's a fifty quid build-it-yourself
receiver.I didn't mention it to you all because there is another
piece of equipment to go with it, so it's only 'half a story' as
yet. I'll keep you informed. Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
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> operative attitude I would risk my hard earned and give his
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> a go.
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> results to the group.
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> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

170. Message for Linuspoint.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 17:17:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 170 Message: 170

I went back into Dxtuners.com to have another go and still could hear nothing.
I clicked on the green start audio button and even got help from some others that were logged in on checking my sound settings but alas no joy.
I know that my computer has sound because windows media player is fine.
Anyhow for the moment i am unable to give a comment on DXtuners.com until I can actually get the receiver to give me some audio.
If any member has any suggestions with this please let me know.

Best Wishes

Andrew

P.s if it is relevant I am on BT broadband running Windows XP on servispack 2 with a Zone alarm firewall and norton anti-virus.

171. HELLO GROUP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 17:18:09 UTC
From: rotax100uk
Topic: 171 Message: 171

Hello i am a new member just this minute joined. I have a Alinco DJ-X10 scanner now, Used to own Alinco DJ-X3. Hope to see some good posts in this group. Hello again. Rotax100uk

172. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks to Bill.....see message 158

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 18:24:07 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 163 Message: 172

A long shot but did you click on the green audio start button,

I read the comments about 30+ users on the demo radios - that is just down to pure bad manners - As I am a subscriber - due to run out at the end of the month, I don't have that sort of hassle
I have just logged in now, and there are only a couple of users logged in

As you say, you never get owt for nowt, but it is worth a look

Bill --- essex_shortwave_scanning <essexshortwavescanning@...> wrote:

Thanks for that new link Bill for DXtuners.com the site looks very
interesting and I am going to go and have a little play now.

For the time being thogh I shall add it to the group "Links".

Best Wishes

Andrew

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173. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 18:26:59 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 131 Message: 173

Nigel

Try this one then
http://www.arpa.org/radio/software/pcr/talkpcr/

Bill

--- Nigel Gardner <gardgas@...> wrote:
> Bill
>
> All I get when I try the link you sent is "file not
> found on this
> server" !!!
>
> Errrrmm any more ideas ??
>
> Nigel
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bill Smith [mailto:wes62d@...]
> Sent: 19 December 2004 19:04
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
> Subject: RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Welcome to
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174. Re: Message for Linuspoint.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 18:56:44 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 170 Message: 174

i have heard of firewalls blocking incoming data to computers - some of them have to be told to allow certain websites access to download - as the sound you are hearing (or not in your case) is an audio stream this could be the problem - I know that norton virus software (2002) also blocks incoming data and after many anoying days i took it off my pooter - to avoid the hassle of accepting everything manually - I am no expert on DX.Tuners by a long shot - but like you i found one or two who were more than happy to talk me through and get it set up - happy hunting -

Linus 2E0AIV

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> Andrew
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> servispack 2 with a Zone alarm firewall and norton anti-virus.

175. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Hf indoor antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-21 20:29:58 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 167 Message: 175

Hi Andrew.
Nice one, I was hoping someone would be the guinea pig!! lol
I would appreciate your opinion when you get it.

Cheers mate

Andy

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2004 3:34 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Hf indoor antenna.....

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have recently been discussing in the group, I have taken the plunge
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176. DXTUNERS.COM.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-22 03:37:59 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 176 Message: 176

Many thanks to the group members for their help with my problems in getting any audio out of the remote receivers on DXtuners.com.

With some experimentation I turned off both of my firewalls and was successfully able to hear audio.

Now I am using BT Broadband and 18 months ago my last computer was rendered beyond redemption being riddled with hackers , worms and viruses because at that time I had no protection.

On the new machine I had installed Zone alarm , Norton anti-virus and the automatic firwall that comes with windows XP servispack 2.

You will of course understand my reluctance to open the gate on my protection in order to use these remote receivers.

Do any members have any suggestions on how I may operate with out compromising my computer.

If it can't be done I will of course just use my shack machines rather than end up with another useless PC.

Best Wishes

Andrew

177. Welcome to our latest members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-22 03:41:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 177 Message: 177

2 new members have joined our group today.

A warm welcome goes out to rotax100Uk and tadg999.

On behalf of us all I hope you enjoy and can make full use of the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

178. Re: DXTUNERS.COM.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-22 09:37:43 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 176 Message: 178

Andrew

Glad that has sorted the problem - As for solving the firewall issue - Norton 2002 antivirus can run and you will still be able to use the system - there is a section in the set up of norton which allows you to name the sites (with names or ip address) which you wish it to let through as trusted sites - as for the firewall I have no experience of this one so sorry cant help - Andy 2E0AIV

179. Foreigner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-22 12:49:56 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 179 Message: 179

Hi Folks,
Hello to all the new members and welcome. Being something of a 'foreigner' in terms of this Essex group, I had a look at the map last night and was quite amazed to find that Chelmsford, being pretty representative of the county, is a distance of 160 miles or so from here. Of the top of my head I would have thought about 100miles.I've been listening out for various vhf transmissions from the area, but so far -nil heard. I do remember Grays very well, a very pleasant friendly little town, but that was in 1966, maybe it's changed a bit since then.Also, I'm sure it was Purfleet, a rather handy hotel/pub type place,fairly isolated- can't remember the name.It was usually blurred anyway! -Happy days.Nothing at all to do with radio, but there we go. Eric,Somerset, 20 miles southward of Bristol.

180. Eric.....Re; Grays & Purfleet

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-23 01:36:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 180 Message: 180

Eric I don't think you would recognise either of these places now if you haven't seen them for nearly 40 years.

There close proximity to the M25/A13 and Dartford River crossing , not to mention the Lakeside & Bluewater shopping complexes on opposing sides of the River Thames , has I would say changedd them beyond recognition in that time.

They have become a sprawling mass of industrial sites , container and lorry terminals and home to a huge amount of Thames gateway housing estates , all in all a very heavily populated area and at this time of year a virtual no go zone due to the traffic congestion caused by Europe's two largest shopping centres and it's busiest road toll/river crossing.

From a group point of view Purfleet is home to the very large warehouse unit that is Haydon Communications who other than the latest January issue of SWM are a regular double page spread advertiser but sadly with no website.

My location is about 10/12 miles from Purfleet & Grays in a town called Billericay which itself is about 8.5 miles from your original reference point of Chelmsford.

Chelmsford in fact is the home of both Essex County Cricket Club and Essex County Council.
Visitors to Chelmsford will be greeted by those little brown tourist signs that proudly proclaim "Chelmsford - Birth place of Radio" something to do with a certain "Mr Marconi"

Anyway thats a little about us , over here in Essex.

Not to be confused with Essex Boys/Girls and the changing of lightbulbs or wearing of white stilletto's.

Best Wishes

Andrew

181. Thanks to Linuspoint.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-23 01:40:28 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 181 Message: 181

Yes thanks for the help with Dxtuners.com.

In fact it is only the firewall that is causing the problem , the sound was playing quite happily with the Norton Anti-virus swithced on.

I think that what I need to do is find away of changing the settings in both my Zone Alarm and Microsoft XP firewalls so that I can leave them on but just allow access to this particular site.

Best Wishes

Andrew

182. DX TUNERS.COM added to "Links"

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-23 01:52:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 182 Message: 182

I have added Dxtuners.com to the "Links".

For those who haven't had a look it is basically a site where users can use other people's PC controlled receivers and antenna's around the world.

You can join as a Guest and this will give you limited Free access to some of the receivers.

It is however pointed out quite clearly that when you log into a particular receiver you should observe the etiquette and not hi-jack the machine.
Basically if anyone else is logged on at the same time then wait your turn - i.e read and observe the site rules carefully.

Some members of our group have opted for the fully paid up membership that apperently opens doors to many more receivers and improved listening experiences.

As for me I am not prepared to part with any cash until I have got to the bottom of how to hear the receive audio without completely turing off my computers firewall protection.

Anyhow , enjoy.....

Best Wishes

Andrew

183. Another useful link

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-23 21:54:58 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 183 Message: 183

For those of us lucky enough to have a computer
controlled radio, there is a bit of software
(freeware) called Ham Radio Deluxe - It supports
various Icom receivers including my PCR100 plus a few
others. I have just started playing with it

It may (or may not) be your cup of tea

http://hrd.ham-radio.ch/downloads.html#Beta_Kits

Bill

_____
ALL-NEW Yahoo! Messenger - all new features - even more fun! http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com

184. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-24 04:18:16 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 184 Message: 184

Sweeneytheboy has joined the group exactly one month after its original conception and has become the 32nd member.
Hope you enjoy it Sweeney, why not tell us all about your listening habits and the kit that you use.

Best Wishes

Andrew

185. IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-24 04:24:57 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 185 Message: 185

I wish all the members of the group a Happy Christmas and may you receive all you wish for in your stockings.

I have a pair that will fit Jodie Marsh (a local lovely) just nicely.

Joking a side.....

Christmas arrived slightly early for me today with a Royal Mail delivery of an item I won on Ebay , A JIM M75 scanner pre-amp.

I was having a play about with it this evening just before I went to work and was very impressed with it.

Anyway for now I offer you Seasonal Greetings and Best Wishes

Andrew

186. Re: IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-24 20:14:41 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 185 Message: 186

Everyone have a really good holiday season and fun filled 2005.
Well done Andrew with the M75 ebay win, it'll keep you out of
mischief for more than a few hours.They are wonderful little units -
the quality will still be there long after the price has been
forgotten.Many thanks for the Grays info., - I kinda guessed as
much. I think the reason the place stayed in my mind for such a long
time since the '60s, is that at that time the little town was like a
journey back to the early '50s, - quite amazing. Anyhow, it
seems 're-construction' speeded up faster than usual for the little
town, and it just sounds like another faceless, character devoid
place.To use a cliche,- 'that's progress'. I used to use cliches all
the time, but now 'I avoid them like the plague'.....Best wishes to
all. Eric (who's Jodie Marsh ?, if you have any to spare please
send one or two to, my address is .....--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
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> Andrew

187. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-24 22:23:35 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 185 Message: 187

Merry Christmas to you Andrew and all.

Well done to Andrew, you have a nice little group here mate.

Andy

(Portsmouth)

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2004 4:24 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE.....

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a.. To visit your group on the web, go to:
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b.. To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk

c.. Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the Yahoo! Terms of Service.

188. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 01:12:45 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 188 Message: 188

Katrina5994 has joined our group.

Welcome to you Katrina hope you enjoy the group and find it useful.

Best Wishes

Andrew

189. Another New Member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 01:19:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 189 Message: 189

As was typing the last welcome another new member was in the process of joining us.

A warm welcome goes out to William Straubi our 33rd member.

On behalf of all the group I hope you find it a useful and enjoyable place to share information on shortwave listening and VHF scanning.

Best Wishes

Andrew

190. Hi All

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 12:23:56 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 190 Message: 190

Hi all
Pleased to meet you Im over in Faversham Kent so only across
the water!.Just getting back into the game after a long break (15yrs
or so!!!) Just bought an IC-r72 and a Yeasu vr500. Am thinking of a
mag loop ant for hf as dont have room for a wire any comments?

191. SW Listening Antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 14:23:06 UTC
From: millaurbana@yahoo.com
Topic: 191 Message: 191

It's quite a bind as I live in quite a large built up area and my SW reception was very limited. So I set scouring the web for thought and idea's. I may have gone over the top a little but after compiling my days surfing I made the following assumptions.

A well balanced and tuned antenna cut to the correct lengths is all you need. Sorry if I'm teaching granny to suck eggs and I'm not a very pratical person but desperate measures e.t.c

I first bought some RG58 coax and plastic pipe. I wrapped 21 foot of coax around the plastic pipe. Apparently this acts as some sort of balance. I then purchased some electric cable and stripped the insides out and created 2 x 10m lengths. Connected each length together then mounted it high up bringing the two ends down one going south the other north. It created was like an upside down V shape. I fastened it to the wall using this red hooks I bought from corner shop would you believe it. Connected it to the back of the radio with a BNC connection and yes, problem solved. Very stable strong signals with hardly any interference.

My next door neighbour came round wondering what on earth it was. Apparently he was a radio ham years ago and what I'd actually constructed was a balanced di-pole. Total cost was under a tenner, the pipe being a bargain at £1.29 for 5 metres.

I'll put a picture of the 'balun' in the pictures section.

Cheers ... Milla

192. Re: Hi All

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 21:47:22 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 190 Message: 192

Hello again All,
Hope you're all having a good hol'. Hello to the
new members, I know for sure you'll like it here. Paul, you
mentioned loops, I have plenty to say on the subject of 'loopology'.
This is irrelevant, but part of the 'menu' for my professional
qualifications involved the study, theoretical and practical of
loops, and I have had a keen interest in them ever since. So do you
wish to build one or buy one. If the latter, what is the maximum
cash you are willing to put on the counter. As with most things the
sky is the limit, and the universal law applies, - you get what you
pay for. There are many configurations in the market place, the
trick is to determine which one is the most suitabel for YOUR NEEDS,
and I emphasise YOUR NEEDS. All that anybody can do is to come up
with ideas for your perusal, the final choice is a totally personal
matter,- what YOU feel happy with. It is much the same process as
buying a pair of shoes,-they all prevent your feet from wearing down
but do you want to do tap dancing or climb mountains.Deduction is
the name of the game here, so fire away. Eric,Somerset. p.s. ten out
of ten for your Yahoo profile, it's handy to know the location of
folk,'specially when position sensitive issues arise such as
listening to vhf-uhf frequencies etc..I've lost count of the number
of times I've seen reports on various groups such as, - '169.6950mhz
is booming in here'.-Great!,-very pleased to here you can hear it,
but whereabouts is 'here'??? .In other words it's totally useless
info. for the readers. Groups are supposed to be forums for the
spread of info.,so full disclosure of known facts is a good idea
otherwise it's all a waste of time, for the writer and the reader.Of
course people are often in a rush and forget to state certain
things, me included, but that is human nature.Full agreement
ref. 'footie' . Eric --- In
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193. Re: SW Listening Antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 23:21:00 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 191 Message: 193

Hello Milla,
Go straight to the top of the class.Well done,- very impressive. Don't worry about the sucking eggs thing, how can anyone know the experience of other group members? I reckon the best policy is just to tell it how it is, and not assume anything. Milla, take my advice here and go to gqrp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com , it's right up your street.That is where the 'real radio' people hang-out. Just do it and stick with it,read all you can, you won't be disappointed.A few letters ago Andrew mentioned the technicalities of aerials.Well, there is no mystery or magic involved.Naturally, many retailers would have their customers believe that he (the purveyor of such apparatus) is the high priest of knowledge on the mystical(not) subject of radio reception. Can't blame them for that,if the basic facts given are honest- everyone has to eat. It all boils down to the same old thing, if you want to know the honesty of anything, one has to do ones own research, and come to your own conclusions. Back to what I was saying,all aerials are basically a dipole.Even a loop is a series of dipoles,they just happen to be joined together. A directional high gain beam is a dipole with reflector / director. A 'one pole'or uni-pole wire, be that just a piece of wire or the most expensive 'vertical' aerial made is still just half of a dipole, the other element being the ground which mirrors the uni-pole, or spaced out radial wires or rods.A dipole is a circuit,as in + and -,live and neutral, both are needed. The number to keep in mind is 300. 300km per second being the speed of light as we know, so supposing to want to know the wavelength of 10mhz. 300 divided by 10 equals 30metres.Of course it goes the other way as well. 300 divided by 30 metres gives 10mhz. Now, taking Millas dipole.A half wave dipole, in Millas case is made up from the two elements of 10m each for a total of 20m.Therefore the full wavelength is 40m . So 300 divided by 40m gives 7.5mhz, that being the resonant freq of his aerial, or as he rightly says it is 'cut' for 7.5mhz.To find out the quarter wavelength length or freq. the number to use is 75.If you needed to know what length your telescopic on a handheld scanner type radio would possibly give the best results on say the vhf airband, at 130mhz for example, 75 divided by 130mhz gives .577m. So a bit over half a meter will do the trick.This is 'rule of thumb' stuff and is near enough for reception purposes.Fiddle about for fine tuning.For transmission purposes figures have to be pretty well spot-on in most cases, but there are ways around that, it is another subject.I hope I have written the above in a clear manner. Eric --- In essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk, millaurbana@y... wrote:
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194. Re: SW Listening Antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-28 23:25:39 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 191 Message: 194

The gqrp link I gave goes to email send. Best to search in the yahoo
groups section and go on from there. Eric--- In
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195. antenna links.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-29 17:29:35 UTC
From: K Noviceman
Topic: 195 Message: 195

just thought i would put some antenna links for all to share...
just think you can pay from £10 upto £3.0000 for a h.f. radio..
will it work on 2metres of wire??? yes it will..but even better on a
good antenna.. http://www.ac6v.com/antdealer.htm thats a good one to
start off with..make your own..even a length of wire thown over the
roof of the house will do..or use a old c.b. g.p.27 antenna (take the
coil out of the bottom first and solder the wire onto the p.l.
plug)..have fun
Kev..

196. Desktop hf and Garex active aerials

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-30 09:11:37 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 196 Message: 196

Say folks,any news of the above yet ? - the suspense is killing me
Eric

197. 2MTR beams

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-30 10:22:31 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 197 Message: 197

hi all, nice to meet everyone,
im looking for any info on rotatable beams before i sqaunder any hard earned spondoolies,(money that is), there's a lot of ssb 2mtr activity in my area and it would be nice to hear all im missing on my vertical,
i want it for transmit as well as recieve, any help would be very much appreciated,,if anyone can help by e mail please put beam in subject box to bypass the aggresive spam filter,,lol,,
all the best for 2005,, keith

198. Re: 2MTR beams

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-30 11:17:09 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 197 Message: 198

Hello Keith,
I reckon a good place to have a decko if you've not
already done so is Chris at http://www.sandpiperaerials.co.uk . If
you can't see anything to take your fancy, -he'll make you one to
your specs. . I've bought stuff off him and he's ok. Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "keith" <jock51@b...>
wrote:
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199. thanks to eric

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-30 12:59:48 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 199 Message: 199

eric, thanks for link, will be going looking later on,,, tnx again,,
keith

200. TADGS RADIOS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-30 22:52:03 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 200 Message: 200

HI TO ALL THE GROUP AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,I DID TRY TO POST A NOTE BEFORE, BUT SOME HOW I MUST HAVE DONE SOME THING SILLY COS I CANT FIND IT, ALL ITS ABOUT IS A FEW LINES ABOUT MY SET UP,AND IF ANY ONE KNOWS A GOOD UP TO DATE FREQ LIST I CAN DOWNLOAD TO THE PC.
OK HERE WE GO WITH THE SET UP,kenwood ts 2000 hf/6mt/vhf/uhf/ I RUN THIS RADIO ON 150FT LONG WIRE IN THE LOFT THIS RUNS WITH A SGC MAC 200 AUTO TUNNER,AND WORKS VERY WELL ON RX.THIS RADIO COVERS 0.3-512MHZ WITH SOME GAPS.NEXT IS MY REALISTIC PRO-2026 A SMALL MOBILE UNIT,29-956MHZ WITH LOTS OF GAPS,THIS RUNS WITH A DISCONE IN THE GARDEN ABOUT 15FT FROM THE GROUND,ALSO I HAVE AN ALINCO X10 HAND HELD THIS RADIO IS NEW TO ME SO I RELLY CANT SAY A LOT ABOUT IT YET,COVERS 0.5-2000MHZ ALL MODE.THIS RADIO IS USED AT WORK IN THE LORRY(CANT STAND RADIO 1)I HAVE A FEW MORE ANTENNAS BUT DUE TO THE HOUSEING DEPT THEY HAVE HAD TO COME DOWN, SO LIKE A FEW OF US I AM ALLWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO HIDE THE ANTENNAS,WITH REF TO THE INDOOR HF ANTENNA ON EBAY,I WAS TOLD BY SOMEONE FORGET IT, BUT IF ONE OF THE GROUP HAS GOT ONE ID LOVE TO KNOW HOW YOU GOT ON WITH IT,PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THE OTHER FING IS, IF YOU WANT TO HAVE AN EARWIG ON HF YOU CANT BEAT A BIT OF OLD WIRE,JUST RUN IT AROUND THE GARDEN FENCE,IT DOSENT HAVE TO BE HIGH UP TO GET GOOD DX COMEING IN,BUT IF YOU WANT TO WORK UK TRY PUTTING THE WIRE ALONG THE GUTTER,THIS WORKS VERY WELL,ALSO RUN AN RX TUNNER,THIS REALY HELPS TO TUNE THE WIRE TO THE WRIGHT BAND, NEVER FORGET A GOOD GROUND TO YOUR TUNNER AND RADIO, THIS MAKES ALL THE DIFFRENCE. I HOPE THIS STUFF HELPS ONE OR MORE OF THE GROUP.WELL ITHINK THATS ABOUT IT FOR TO DAY,HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR, 73 TADG.PS IF ANYONE WANTS TO HAVE A LOOK AT MY STUFF I PUT A PHOTO ON ..

201. Re: TADGS RADIOS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-31 00:09:44 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 200 Message: 201

Hello and Welcome Tadg and All,
First comment,- I wish I was as organised
as yourself, - very good station photo. Later on I need to pick your
brains about some of your gear if that's ok. Ref. the ebay indoor
aerial, I don't have one and know little about it. The thing is I
treat 'reviews' with caution. The number of times I've read peoples
thoughts on for example the Miracle Whip, - It's rubbish !, doesn't
work as well as my 70' high beam ! - of course it doesn't ! It's a
5' telescopic !. In other words a lot of folk expect far too much
and compare apples to oranges, - muddled logic. The ebay job is an
Indoor aerial, and that fact should be taken into consideration, -
no-way is it going to be as good as an outdoor set-up. The only way
with these things is just try them out and see how it goes. Might be
absolute crap!, - then again it might be the long lost answer. To
myself this is all part of the fun. See you later, Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "TADG"
<TADG.SWEENEY@N...> wrote:
>
> HI TO ALL THE GROUP AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,I DID TRY TO POST A NOTE
> BEFORE, BUT SOME HOW I MUST HAVE DONE SOME THING SILLY COS I CANT
> FIND IT, ALL ITS ABOUT IS A FEW LINES ABOUT MY SET UP,AND IF ANY
ONE
> KNOWS A GOOD UP TO DATE FREQ LIST I CAN DOWNLOAD TO THE PC.
> OK HERE WE GO WITH THE SET UP,kenwood ts 2000 hf/6mt/vhf/uhf/ I
RUN
> THIS RADIO ON 150FT LONG WIRE IN THE LOFT THIS RUNS WITH A SGC MAC
> 200 AUTO TUNNER,AND WORKS VERY WELL ON RX.THIS RADIO COVERS 0.3-
> 512MHZ WITH SOME GAPS.NEXT IS MY REALISTIC PRO-2026 A SMALL MOBILE
> UNIT,29-956MHZ WITH LOTS OF GAPS,THIS RUNS WITH A DISCONE IN THE
> GARDEN ABOUT 15FT FROM THE GROUND,ALSO I HAVE AN ALINCO X10 HAND
> HELD THIS RADIO IS NEW TO ME SO I RELLY CANT SAY A LOT ABOUT IT
> YET,COVERS 0.5-2000MHZ ALL MODE.THIS RADIO IS USED AT WORK IN THE
> LORRY(CANT STAND RADIO 1)I HAVE A FEW MORE ANTENNAS BUT DUE TO THE
> HOUSEING DEPT THEY HAVE HAD TO COME DOWN, SO LIKE A FEW OF US I AM
> ALLWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO HIDE THE ANTENNAS,WITH REF TO THE
> INDOOR HF ANTENNA ON EBAY,I WAS TOLD BY SOMEONE FORGET IT, BUT IF
> ONE OF THE GROUP HAS GOT ONE ID LOVE TO KNOW HOW YOU GOT ON WITH
> IT,PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THE OTHER FING IS, IF YOU WANT TO HAVE AN
> EARWIG ON HF YOU CANT BEAT A BIT OF OLD WIRE,JUST RUN IT AROUND
THE
> GARDEN FENCE,IT DOSENT HAVE TO BE HIGH UP TO GET GOOD DX COMEING
> IN,BUT IF YOU WANT TO WORK UK TRY PUTTING THE WIRE ALONG THE
> GUTTER,THIS WORKS VERY WELL,ALSO RUN AN RX TUNNER,THIS REALY HELPS
> TO TUNE THE WIRE TO THE WRIGHT BAND, NEVER FORGET A GOOD GROUND TO
> YOUR TUNNER AND RADIO, THIS MAKES ALL THE DIFFRENCE. I HOPE THIS

> STUFF HELPS ONE OR MORE OF THE GROUP.WELL ITHINK THATS ABOUT IT FOR
> TO DAY,HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR, 73 TADG.PS IF ANYONE
> WANTS TO HAVE A LOOK AT MY STUFF I PUT A PHOTO ON ..

202. Fantastic ..... Welcome All.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-31 01:48:34 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 202 Message: 202

I have been away for a two day break and I come home to the great news of another 9 new members in that time.
A warm welcome to you all and please enjoy and make full use of the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

203. HF Indoor Antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-31 01:58:18 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 203 Message: 203

I presume that we are all referring to the one that was recently up for grabs on Ebay and is shown in the photo's section of our group.

Some members may recall that because I had favourable responses from the vendor and was impressed with his 100% feedback then I would take the plunge and buy his antenna (he manufactures them himself , apperently).

Anyhow on my return home today I have one of those nice Royal Mail postcards that tell me my parcel is waiting for collection at my local sorting office.

I suspect that this will be the antenna in question.

As my test bed I will be using my Sony SW55 , but be patient as I still need to get down to Waters & Stanton to obtain a BNC to 3.5mm adaptor so that I can plug it in.

For those who don't know the SW55 is basically a travel/portable and does not have a BNC/PL 259 socket but just a 3.5mm.

Anyhow once I have both of these components i.e Antenna/adaptor I will post back to the group asap with my completely unscientific results , basically I will be comparing against the built in whip and the Sony pill out reel long wire that clips onto the whip at one end.

Best Wishes

Andrew

204. HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2004-12-31 02:12:56 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 204 Message: 204

A Happy New Year to all the members of the group.

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and are about to enjoy a
Happy and Prosperous 2005.

I only set the group up some 5 weeks ago and it has grown beyond all
of my expectations in that short period of time.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for joining
and making it work as well as it has this far , may 2005 see it grow
in a similar fashion.

Best Wishes

Andrew

205. FREQ LIST/LOADS OF INFO

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-01 17:20:41 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 205 Message: 205

HI GUYS HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT NEW YEAR,I JUST FOUND THIS SITE ON THE WEB, I LOOKED ON OUR LINKS AND COULD NOT SEE IT ,SO IF SOMEONE TAKES A LOOK,(AND IF ITS ALL RIGHT WITH THE REST OF THE GROUP) SOMEONE COULD ADD IT TO OUR LINKS,THERE IS LOADS OF INFO ON THIS SITE AND SOME OF THE LINKS ARE REALY SMART, LIKE HOW ALL THE MODES SOUND IE PACKET/TETRA/RITTY/CW ETC. TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT YOU ALL THINK. THE SITE ADDRESS IS
www.fortunecity.com/tinpan/starr/590/spectrum.ntml
or try UK RADIO FREQUENCY BANDS AND SCROLL DOWN TILL YOU FIND IT .
LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK
ALL THE BEST FOR 2005.
TADG

206. UK hf communications radio station GKA

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-01 19:54:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 206 Message: 206

Hello All,
For those who are interested in where the operation of UK hf radiocommunications took place, it was down a sleepy lane in equally sleepy Somerset.International Marine,Aero,MOD, various wars,radiotelephone phone calls for the general public,Richard Bransons baloons,assorted explorers wandering around the North Pole and other strange places,Onassis,Mike Batts and other 'celebs' yachts,courses for radiotelephone and radiotelex,amateur morse code licence exam - and loads more I've forgotten about.WT, RT,RTTY, a bit of packet, etc.. In fact just about anything one can think of. http://www.gka.btinternet.co.uk As you will see, Sparks the cat was top-dog, so to speak, and he had loads of Christmas cards each year,-it's true!.He was very good company 'specially when working nights. If anyone wants to know more, just ask. Eric

207. BEAMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-01 20:26:33 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 207 Message: 207

HI AGAIN ALL,im still after some info about beams for 2mtr/70cm ssb, particulary about make, quality, etc, and links in uk to aquire such things lol,,, any help would be appreciated, tnx,, keith

208. Re: BEAMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-02 01:51:59 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 207 Message: 208

http://www.vinecom.co.uk

Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "keith"
<jock51@b...> wrote:
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209. Message for Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-02 02:55:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 209 Message: 209

Tadg , please feel free to add any relevant links to the group yourself.

We have all got unrestricted access and that way it makes sure that they get in the Links rather than me risk missing them if I don't update after I have read messages.

Best Wishes

Andrew

210. Icom PCR100

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-02 19:34:11 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 210 Message: 210

I have upgraded from the PCR100 to the Icom PCR1000, if any members of the group would like the PCR 100 before I put it on Ebay the price is £125.00.
Although it is about a year old it has due to other commitments not had a lot of use, it comes complete with original Icom PCR software, RS-232c cable, lead for connecting audio to the Computer, plus Icom BC-06-uk mains adapter and Instruction manual, covers from 0.5 to 1300 MHz. Modes FM, AM, WFM. Postage will be at cost and is to be added to item. I beleive todays prices are around £212.00.
REgards,
Herbie.....G6XOU

211. 70 cms .....??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-02 21:33:55 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 211 Message: 211

I wonder if any of the group members have any experience of listening to amateurs operating on 70cms?

Maybe one or two of our licensed group members might be able to offer some advice on this one.

I was scanning the 70cms frequencies this afternoon and I heard nothing.

I was using a slow scan speed on NFM - would I hear any activity on SSB?

Best Wishes

Andrew

212. Re: 70 cms .....??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 00:05:08 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 211 Message: 212

--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> nothing.
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on
> SSB?
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

andrew i live in wigan gtr manchester, the 70cm band around our area
is quiet as well with only a couple of repeater freq's in use, not
many simplex channels, and for the ssb side iv'e heard nothing on
there for months now,,it might pick up when theres a lift on
hopefully,,,,

213. Re: BEAMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 00:09:24 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 207 Message: 213

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
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214. Re: BEAMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 01:06:50 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 207 Message: 214

Thanks Keith, -pleased to help out. Not being nosey, but what did
you end up with ? .If I am being nosey please ignore. As regards the
70mhz amateur band, I rarely listen and have only ever heard a few
qso s. Around here it seems to be just a chat-shop, but then again
most amateur bands are just that. I read a survey a few weeks ago
that showed 50% of people aquire a licence so they can 'chat with
their mates',and that is as far as their interest goes. Nothing
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215. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 70 cms .....??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 01:10:46 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 211 Message: 215

Andrew

Hi, the best place to listen for activity on 70 will be 433.000 to 433.400 on 25 KHz channels, these are the repeater outputs. I can hear about 7 from my QTH (Oxford) on various channels. Unless you are horizontally polarised then SSB might be hard, except for locals.

Regards

Nigel (G0CQZ)

-----Original Message-----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
[mailto:essexshortwavescanning@...]
Sent: 02 January 2005 21:34
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 70 cms .....??

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I was using a slow scan speed on NFM - would I hear any activity on SSB?

Best Wishes

Andrew

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essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...
<mailto:essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...?subject=U
nsubscribe>

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Service <http://uk.docs.yahoo.com/info/terms.html> .

216. Re: BEAMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 01:12:42 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 207 Message: 216

My last posting wasn't too clear,-I should have said, -"I have
listened occasionally to the 70mhz band, it's all the same kettle of
fish etc.." Eric--- In
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217. Lightweight 'masts' and 2m portable beam etc.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 01:47:16 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 217 Message: 217

Here's an interesting little homegrown site.I have had no dealings with them. http://www.sotabeams.co.uk Eric.

218. Thanks to OxfordBlue1400 (Nigel).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 02:49:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 218 Message: 218

Thanks for that info on 70cms Nigel , most of my amateur listening is to the guys on HF 40 & 80 metres.

Following a lot of them mentioning 70cms I decided to fire up one of my AOR 3000A's and have a listen.

Hooked up to my scanstick 20 feet above the roof and with my new JIM M75 pre-amp all prepared I got nothing back.

Maybe it was just a quiet afternoon here on the Billericay side of Chelmsford in Essex.

I switched my attention to 2 metres on the same radio and picked up the Danbury repeater on 145.725 Mhz in use and one or two of the users on the simplex for that repeater on 145.125Mhz.
I also heard the East London repeater being used on 145.600Mhz although somewhat more crackly and weak.

I wonder if any body knows what the average usable distance is for mobile operators hooking up to a repeater.

One of the operators I was picking up on the simplex channel for the Danbury repeater was giving his location as some 8 to 9 miles from my location. I know he was heading away from me on the A12 and not long after this I lost him on simplex and got him via the repeater only. Between my antenna and him I have a damn great hill which no doubt hampered things at my end (I do not live in a good location for VHF , unfortunately).

Anyway back to the original 70cms topic I will try again another day and see what I get.

Best Wishes

Andrew

219. Nice to read.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 02:57:38 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 219 Message: 219

It was nice to read of the successful outcome of Keith's (Meatpie's) request for information on Beams being assisted by Eric (TaurusRockett) through this group.

Good work fella's , exactly what it's here for .

Best Wishes

Andrew

220. beams

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 10:43:46 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 220 Message: 220

first of all thanks for all info recieved on the subject, special thanks to eric for info and links, in reply to question after a lot of as they say surfing the web, and listening to the few people i could hear on 2mtr ssb, im going to try a 7 element zl special, which by the way iv'e bought £15 cheaper from a shop on e-bay rather than some of the big aerial companys, i currently own an M3 license for transmitting but my main interest is listening, i do use it for chatting to mates whov'e been into the hobby along with me for the last 20 odd years or so, iv'e been on the sota site eric before and they are quality beams etc but more i feel for portable use, as in my location we suffer from gale force winds so something a bit stronger needed me thinks, lol, or (hi as some folk say,,).anyway enogh blabbing on tnx again everybody and i will post to let anyone know if there interested how the zl special works out,,have a good new year everyone, all the best,,keith

221. Welcome.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 17:28:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 221 Message: 221

A warm welcome to our first new members of 2005.

Alan_Ainslie and EddieCurry68.

Hope you both find the group a stimulating one and many thanks for joining.

Best Wishes

Andrew

222. Message for Tadg re message 205.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 17:58:31 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 222 Message: 222

Tadg with regard to your posting in messsage 205 I thought I would have a look at the suggested link and post it up to the group links.

Alas , no joy I tapped it in to my address bar and just got back an error message.

I wonder if you could add any further detail that may help.

If possible could you add the link to the group links yourself and then all members can just click on it and get a fast track there.

Best Wishes

Andrew

223. interesting link

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 19:11:38 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 223 Message: 223

http://www.radiowaves.fsnet.co.uk/links.html

found this while i was surfing looks ok, worth a try

224. ref freq list

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-03 19:47:39 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 224 Message: 224

hi andrew with ref to the listing ive tried to put it on to the links, but with no joy ,i have it on my pc,so if any knows how to transfer it to the links list can you let me know. ive done all the copy and paste stuff, but like you all i get is error page,so im at aloss with this pc stuff.still i will keep trying to work it out.
tadg

225. Re: beams

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-04 09:31:54 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 220 Message: 225

Hello Keith and All,
Thanks for the info. Keith. It would be
interesting to hear how it works out.The thing with info. is that it
may be of little interest to some folk at the moment but who knows
what is going to happen at future dates, or even for a pub quiz!
Yes, the Sota is for portable use and of course it pays to get the
right tools for the job. The fishing rod type 'masts' have been
around for a long time and I've always thought what a good idea for
those who need a 'stealth' type wire aerial.'Almost invisible proper
non-stretch aerial wire' is available cheaply. Somehow I've got to
work out how I can get about 6kgs of wire into the air, so they
would be of little use here, but possibly ideal for somebody. Here's
a novelty
http://www.antenna.it/antennas6.htm
Personally I would love to try out all these items for curiosities
sake, but I'm long-term doghouse material already and don't really
wish to graduate to the kennel, not until the weather warms up
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226. WH Westlake Co.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-04 11:56:15 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 226 Message: 226

I have added the above to the links (I hope.).Another homegrown enterprise. They will make up coax with plugs and sockets etc. to your own specs. They are the home of 103 low-loss coax. Eric

227. Wellbrook indoor loop antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 02:39:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 227 Message: 227

I know that in some of the very early group messages , one or two members of the group asked me to keep a look out for a Wellbrook Loop antenna on Ebay.

I have just seen one and the auction number to search is 5742198573.

If you bid then Good Luck.

Best Wishes

Andrew

228. Re: Wellbrook indoor loop antenna.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 09:51:05 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 227 Message: 228

Yes, that would be a good buy if the bidding doesn't runaway. Any news on the desktop hf aerial or the Garex active ? Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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229. Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 14:07:53 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 229 Message: 229

Hi to all and a Happy New Year,
With reference to the Wellbrook Antenna, I have tried one of these and for what it is it is very good and in my opinion better than a long wire with less noise, possibly because of its directivity.
Covers from 50Khz. to 30Mhz, but will give a useful reception up to around 100Mhz. coax is connected via a PL259, with a new price of around £145 / £150 will give you an idea how far to go.
Try http://www.wellbrook.uk.com for more info and reviews.
73, Herbie

230. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 14:29:24 UTC
From: Alan Ainslie
Topic: 229 Message: 230

The issue is that a loop responds to the magnetic vector of the EM wave rather than the electric vector.

Noises sources are predominantly electric close to the source: hence a long wire, or active long wire, or active short wire, which responds to the electric vector and NOT the magnetic vector will always be more noisy than a loop.

A loop will receive less signal as a generalisation than a long wire, but it will receive MUCH less noise, so even though the signal level is down a bit, the signal to noise ratio, which is all that matters, is much better. In fact the slightly reduced levels do assist some modern black boxes, especially scanner type sets, which have relatively open front ends and are a bit susceptible to cross modulation. The Wellbrook amp is bomb proof and just will not overload.

If you live on farm in the middle of Wales and run everything off batteries and don't have a computer radiating pollution, then a long wire is great: the rest of us are much better off using a loop!

I don't have time to look on the Wellbrook site but they used to put a decent technical overview on there.

Alan
----- Original Message -----
From: Herbie
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2005 2:07 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Wellbrook Loop

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231. Re: Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 16:35:25 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 229 Message: 231

Very well explained and complete agreement with both letters. Eric---
In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Alan Ainslie"
<alan.ainslie@l...> wrote:
> The issue is that a loop responds to the magnetic vector of the EM
wave rather than the electric vector.
>
> Noises sources are predominantly electric close to the source:
hence a long wire, or active long wire, or active short wire, which
responds to the electric vector and NOT the magnetic vector will
always be more noisy than a loop.
>
> A loop will receive less signal as a generalisation than a long
wire, but it will receive MUCH less noise, so even though the signal
level is down a bit, the signal to noise ratio, which is all that
matters, is much better. In fact the slightly reduced levels do
assist some modern black boxes, especially scanner type sets, which
have relatively open front ends and are a bit susceptible to cross
modulation. The Wellbrook amp is bomb proof and just will not
overload.
>
> If you live on farm in the middle of Wales and run everything off
batteries and don't have a computer radiating pollution, then a long
wire is great: the rest of us are much better off using a loop!
>
> I don't have time to look on the Wellbrook site but they used to
put a decent technical overview on there.
>
> Alan
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Herbie
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk
> Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2005 2:07 PM
> Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Wellbrook Loop
>
>
>
> Hi to all and a Happy New Year,
> With reference to the Wellbrook Antenna, I have tried one of
these
> and for what it is it is very good and in my opinion better than
a
> long wire with less noise, possibly because of its directivity.
> Covers from 50Khz. to 30Mhz, but will give a useful reception up
to
> around 100Mhz. coax is connected via a PL259, with a new price

of
> around £145 / £150 will give you an idea how far to go.
> Try http://www.wellbrook.uk.com for more info and reviews.
> 73, Herbie
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232. HF indoor antenna & Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-06 17:09:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 232 Message: 232

The indoor HF antenna is now in my posession but I am unable to test it on my Sony SW55 until I get my BNC to 3.5mm adaptor. That will require a trip of 9 miles and back down to Waters & Stanton as soon as I get a minute , when I have tested it i will report my findings.

With regard to the other messages relating to the Wellbrrok Loop I would absolutely endorse all the other comments.

In my shack both of my Kenwood R5000's are hooked up to my Wellbrook ALA1530 (outdoor loop)using an RF systems combiner (see photos).

I have had this antenna since the summer and have been very impressed with what I have been able to hear that was not heard before on my long wire.
The noise level is almost non-existent.

It was this reason that I dedcided to promote this Ebay item to the group because I know it will be a good product even if it is the indoor version.

Best Wishes

Andrew

233. Re: HF indoor antenna & Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-07 00:49:32 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 232 Message: 233

Thanks. Yes Andrew all fully understood.It is a pain getting hold of the odd item here and there. For one thing I bought an item off ebay before xmas and what with all the holidays etc. I'm still waiting for it. How about banning xmas and n.y. this year so we can get things running smoothly again ? , but maybe that idea wouldn't go down too well... The ebay loop can also be used outside. Whenever I'm looking around for items I always take flexibility of usage into consideration. The plastic loop is smaller and therefore easier to handle indoors, maybe getting it through small loft openings as Wellbrook suggest. Also less likely to get buckled if mishandled. That is an issue with my two aluminium loops. They are only 1 ft. across and if left lying around you can bet your life that someone in this mad house would plonk themselves right down on it, or the dog mistake it for a frizby. So they never leave the confines of my room. The dog can chew my mrs. shoes to bits for a pastime,-that's ok,- but not my loops,no,no,no, - priorities are everything.. I maybe on the wrong scent trail here, but I keep on catching a whiff of an increase of interest in shortwave. So called atu's are fetching higher prices on ebay than just a few months ago. Possibly it's to do with the introduction of Tetra etc., and the scanning community are looking around for other forms of entertainment. Andrew, this may not be directly related to radio matters, and please ignore if you don't wish to comment, but I have never had what could be called a 'normal' job, it was more like 24/7, as they say. So how do you find you get on with night work and how it affects you.It would be very interesting to hear. Anyway, all eyes on the blue loop. Eric --- In
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234. Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-07 03:13:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 234 Message: 234

With regard to the night work Eric it has its pro's and con's.
Weekday nights finish at about 01.30hrs and leave me a little bit of time for a cuppa and a potter about on the P.C.
Unfortunately getting up into the shack is a complete no-no as unfolding the aluminium pull down loft ladder is too noisy an operation for this time of night.

Friday and Saturday nights end at the later time of 06.00hrs and that completely spoils the weekend for the family if anything spontaneous is required , however being self-employed we can plan ahead for weekend days out by losing the previous nights money if nescercary.

That basically leaves Sunday as the proper day off with late Sunday evening after about 9.00pm being my main shack night.

Probably like a lot of fellas the better half has a very dim view of my radio activities and the "unattractive" antennas that go with it. When I am in the shack it is frowned upon as I should be providing entertainment and companionship downstairs.

I consider my shack as a little bolt hole where I can spend a little time alone , but unfortunately and I suspect like most of the fairer sex the better half here has no concept of wanting to spend time on one's own "just pottering about".

Indeed I have been told that at the grand old age of 35 I should be on the next series of BBC2's "Grumpy Old Men"

Best Wishes

Andrew

235. Re: Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-07 04:07:06 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 234 Message: 235

Good one Andrew. I'm sat here in stitches of laughter, - I recognise
every word you say. I'll read it again later as just caught it on my
way back to bed. See ya later.Thanks, Eric--- In
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> Andrew

236. Re: HF indoor antenna & Wellbrook Loop

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-07 07:43:54 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 232 Message: 236

Andrew, just a quicky. I was thinking that if u can't get to W&S, the cable suppliers Westlake,that I put on the site sell all kinds of plugs and sockets. They take cheques, cash and handily, Stamps. Their postage for small items is only £1 so it's most prob.even cheaper when your petrol and hassle is taken into account. Eric---
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> Andrew

237. Been to Waters & Stanton.....Indoor Antenna/Wellbrook

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-07 17:29:32 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 237 Message: 237

I've just been down to Waters & Stanton at Hockley in Essex this afternoon to get a BNC/3.5mm adaptor so that I can run the newly purchased Indoor HF antenna on my test radio , my Sony SW55.

Having opened up the new antenna the packaging was very good and the product itself well constructed and robust looking (see photos).
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However once you start to tune above 4mhz the gain of the 330s over the 1530 started to increase rapidly (i did see some figures of +12db).

This was very interesting to me as the majority of my non-broadcast HF is done on the Wellbrook and below 4Mhz , however in the future when I start to explore the higher bands it would seem that my 1530 will perform very well but an additional 330s will be even better.

Best Wishes

Andrew

Anyway thats for the future and pending the flexibility of the purse strings and the better half to allowing another "UGLY" antenna in the garden.

238. Indoor HF antenna.....initial findings

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 07:59:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 238 Message: 238

I hooked up the new indoor HF antenna to my Sony SW55 for a quick look compared with the sets pull out whip.

Listening at about 19.30hrs on 9500 Mhz the received broadcast station was I believe Australian, anyhow on the set whip the signal was weak and fading and on the new antenna it was significantly stronger and more audible - good so far.

The aerial is advertised as having some sort of in built noise reduction. I decided to have a look for some Radio Amateurs on 80 metres.
On my set whip the amount of interference I was getting meant that nothing was heard so I connected up the new antenna.
I was startled by the results the interference just died and I started to hear some operators.

Now these are very early results and constituted about 10 minutes of my time last night.
It is clear that I am going to have to do a lot more testing before I can reach a conclusive opinion , it does however look fairly promising thus far.

Interestingly enough despite the superb packaging and rugged construction it did not come with any instructions for use.

If you refer to the photos section of the group you will see that there are two whips that fully extend to about a metre or so each and swivel at the base connection through 360 degrees.
Now here is the thing , and I may need to quiz the vendor on this and would welcome ideas from the group.

For best results do i just extend the whips vertically or into a "v" configuration or maybe even along the horizontal?

Best Wishes

Andrew

239. Its a very windy day.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 08:05:00 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 239 Message: 239

Here's hoping that none of you lose any antennas today in the windy weather.

I have just been outside and my Wellbrook Loop is looking absolutely rock solid.

My scanstick however , which is perched at the top of a 25feet 2" scaffold is swaying incredibly.
At very strong gusts I would estimate the sway to be in excess of 5 to 6 feet in any one direction from its normal static position.
Fingers crossed it will survive intact as it was a real ****** to put up.

Best Wishes

Andrew

240. Re: Its a very windy day.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 08:57:20 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 239 Message: 240

Don't worry all you folks in the east. This 'ere place is where the winds/storms landfall and it has calmed down during the past few minutes, and the sky is blue. So hope you all have a good weekend. Eric, coastal Somerset. -More later.--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:

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241. Re: Been to Waters & Stanton.....Indoor Antenna/Wellbrook

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 10:05:32 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 237 Message: 241

Hi Andrew and All,
Pleased to hear it's all coming together,plug etc.. All I can say is ''What a RELIEF!!! . People take their own decisions and do whatever they want, but the seed of the idea ref. the indoor desktop aerial, came direct from yours truly, and in a tiny, tiny I way do feel a bit of responsibility, and hate to see things go wrong.As you say, so far so good.As you are aware, I am primarily from a commercial/gov. radio background. I have also held an amateur licence for 40 years so I am able, to the best of my abilities, to view any issue from two Completely different angles. I emphasise 'Completely', as in chalk and cheese.Now, with 'type specified' professional apparatus, so
called 'performance',sensitivity etc., isn't the whole story by a long way. Reliability is paramount.Broken equipment is of zero use if the aircraft is in trouble, or the ship is gradually vanishing below the waves,somebody is ill/injured ,or whatever. To the amateur listener or operator it doesn't matter, whatever has gone up in flames or dropped off the top of a mast can be fixed
tomorrow,manyana, - nobodys 'safety of life' is at risk.The only thing that is at risk is the bank account, so buy good stuff in the first place and save future expenditure repairing or replacing crap gear, take a leaf out of the professional users book. I had a pretty reasonable idea of how the desktop job actually worked. What really interested me was the 'build quality'.I personally take a long term view of most things, and if I'm paying out good money I want something that is going to be hassle free and will last. This is a hobby, the last thing we want is aggro due to crap equipment, so I'm pleased to hear the aerial meets your requirements and doesn't sound as though it'll drop to bits with the slightest accidental knock. -
Good new. I am intrigued by the noise reduction set-up. Any idea how that works ? I'm sure you have thought of this Andrew, but the only way you are going to give it a fair trial is to take it outside, set it on a table, string the reel antenna out at about the same height as the desktop and go from there. There are too many variables indoors for meaningful test purposes, although of course the aerial is for indoor use. In other words give it a fair crack of the whip.More later ref. Wellbrook. Eric--- In
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242. Re: Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 10:22:48 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 234 Message: 242

Yes indeed, your comments regarding night working and family life
will ring very true with the nocturnal community, that is for sure.
It is the case that many of us do(or did) suffer,-feeling below
par,bad 'stomach', and of course just plain 'ole feeling knackered
all the time.Not even to mention the 'bear with a sore head'
syndrome, - we're all familiar with that one, nights or no
nights... I didn't keep count, but I did done thousand of nights and
did a lot of research attempting to find a way to get myself back to
a state of normality and cut down on the negatives of night work. If
anyone is interested in the results of my search I will publish them
here.Some of the findings may be of great interest to those who do
not have to go through the traumas of working, when one should
really be in the land of nod. Eric--- In
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> > Andrew

243. Never under estimate the power of the wind.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-08 18:01:15 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 243 Message: 243

Early this morning I was mentioning how rock solid my Wellbrook Loop was looking in the wind and my concern for my scanstick with it swaying all over the place.

The score now is Wind....1 ---- Heath Robinson....0

I woke up this afternoon and looked out of the window to see that my Wellbrook Loop was nowwhere in sight and that my scanstick had duly survived.

Anyway on going outside I discovered that my Wellbrook Loop was hanging upside down on the end of its 10 foot wooden pole precariously over the edge of the garage roof.
It was , thank heavens, completely undamaged and saved only from crashing onto the concrete below by the mains cable anchoring the rotator being at full stretch.

The mounting is Heath Robinson but has always worked well.
I have this afternoon made some rapid improvisations that will hopefully see it come through the next very strong gust of wind.

Best Wishes

Andrew

244. Re: Been to Waters & Stanton.....Indoor Antenna/Wellbrook

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-09 12:24:23 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 237 Message: 244

From what I can see on the Wellbrook site, the 330s does indeed
benefit from the use of rotator. They say, 'the ALA330s is probably
the only commercial active antenna available to radio enthusiasts to
provide directional noise reduction in the SW bands'. It appears the
directivity on sw bands is The selling point, and in my opinion the
main readon for buying that particular model out of the Wellbrook
portfolio. My AOR LA350 loop has directional properties, even up
there at 30mhz, and that is the big plus. It is amazingly useful for
nulling out interference,it is a fantastically useful little
unit,but without the directivity,it's worth for my purposes would be
greatly diminished.Ok, it is interesting reviews, whether they be
published in the WRTH,Passport, or anywhere else, but always
remember,- they can get it wrong at times. If anyone is interested
in buying anything, the best policy is to pick up the phone and put
your questions to the manufacturer, they are usually very pleased to
help. Andy at Wellbrook certainly is. Not only that, but in the case
of Wellbrook, the site can appear confusing at times. As you can
see, his aerials have a 'bias', some to give better LF performance,
and in the case of the 330s, better hf performance.All that tedious
study can be short circuited by simply making up your mind what you
need the aerial for and then phone up Andy and take his advice. That
way you will have some comeback if anything doesn't work out as it
should.Straight from the horses mouth is the order of the day,
remember, he is the expert, not you or I,- he designed the things.
Also, tell the man what type of receiver you will be using.I know
for a fact that the 1530 is too much for the likes of the AR8200mk3
to handle,- it overloads as Alan pointed out. For scanner type
radios, Wellbrook do the wire loop job, the ALA100.Personally
speaking, if I were in the market for another receiving aerial that
is the one I would go for. It offers superior flexibility in that
the loop(made from your own wire) can be made to any size to suit
the front end of the receiver and also for those needing
an 'invisible' aerial, the 'loop' can be sited anywhere one wishes.
Tacked to a wooden fence behind the shrubs for instance, - out of
sight, wrapped around a curtain rail or wherever using very fine
wire. A good choice for the imaginative experimenter. Costs less
than the other models as well, because there is no plastic or ali
loop to pay for,and the
'figures' are better than the 1530. That's todays ramble out of the
way. Andrew, pleased to hear your equipment survived the wind. Eric-
-- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> I've just been down to Waters & Stanton at Hockley in Essex this

> afternoon to get a BNC/3.5mm adaptor so that I can run the newly
> purchased Indoor HF antenna on my test radio , my Sony SW55.
>
> Having opened up the new antenna the packaging was very good and
the
> product itself well constructed and robust looking (see photos).
> I should be able to report to the group in a few days time my
> opinion on this antenna.
> I will be comparing it with the standard extendable whip on the
> radio and with the pull out reel antenna that came with it as an
> accessory for enhanced listening.
>
> Now on to my second subject with regard to the Wellbrook Loop
> antennas.
> Some of you maybe aware that my shack radios are hooked up to an
> outdoor Wellbrook ALA1530 which I purchased on the strength of
rave
> reviews in the 2004 edition of WRTH (World Radio Tv Handbook). I
> have been more than impressed with the performance of this antenna.
>
> Whilst I was at W&S I noticed on the bookshelf at a cost of £22.00
> the 2005 edition of this hefty publication.
> On thumbing through I came across an equally extensive review of
the
> HF only Wellbrook 330s , and the review was equally as glowing and
> had even gone to the trouble of comparing the 1530 with the 330s.
>
> Now not wishing to part with £22.00 just for the sake of this one
> review I instigated a bit of speed reading.
>
> The 1530 is for LW , MW and SW and is best used on a rotator for
non
> SW transmissions (this is how mine is set up). The 330s however is
> HF only and doesn't need the rotator.
> Excluding the precise db gain figures the synopsis of the 330s was
> that although usable at LW & MW it was significantly sub standard
to
> the 1530.
> At up to 4Mhz on HF the performance of the 330s against the 1530
was
> equal.
> However once you start to tune above 4mhz the gain of the 330s
over
> the 1530 started to increase rapidly (i did see some figures of
> +12db).
>
> This was very interesting to me as the majority of my non-
broadcast
> HF is done on the Wellbrook and below 4Mhz , however in the future
> when I start to explore the higher bands it would seem that my

1530
> will perform very well but an additional 330s will be even better.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew
>
> Anyway thats for the future and pending the flexibility of the
purse
> strings and the better half to allowing another "UGLY" antenna in
> the garden.

245. Welcome to the group.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-09 18:11:36 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 245 Message: 245

Scannerman2005 has joined the group.
A warm welcome to you Alan I hope you find the group informative and useful.

Best Wishes

Andrew

246. 5.680mhz.....Very quiet

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-09 18:14:47 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 246 Message: 246

I have been monitoring Kinloss and their seems to be very little going on.

Anyone else been listening?

I was expecting a little more activity especially considering the more increment weather and floods in the North of the UK.

Best Wishes

Andrew

247. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 5.680mhz.....Very quiet

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-09 19:00:19 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 246 Message: 247

Hi Andrew, this topic came up on my group yeaterday.
I was listening on Wednesday for a little while.

My setup isn't great yet, but Rescue 177 was out doing something.
Don't know what as I had to go to work!

But it's still active.
Today there was a little bit of comms, again, nothing interesting.

Regards

Andy

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/south_coast_comms/

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/saint_morrissey/
----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2005 6:14 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 5.680mhz.....Very quiet

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Andrew

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248. Message to Andy re; 5680Mhz Kinloss

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-09 20:17:04 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 248 Message: 248

Cheers Andy , I have just been up in the shack for the last hour or so and there has just been a bit of activity at a nice strong signal of +10.
Basically it was Kinloss doing a radio test "To clear interference from the frequency" so I would guess from that they are active but quiet with most of their helicopters on the ground.

Best Wishes

Andrew

249. maps

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-10 16:30:48 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 249 Message: 249

hello again, im looking for a clear map of the uk, and the reason is, if i want to point a beam someware in the uk, at least ill have a chance of pointing somewere in the right direction, eg, north, south, east or west,,,iv'e heard theres a programe for the pc, but iv'e typed everything imaginable into google etc and others but to no avail,,,what i wouldnt give to have some brains,,lol,,if anyone can help i would be in your debt, and there will be a pint of the amber nectre up here in wigan lancs for anyone out there next time you visit,, if you know of any good links that would be great,,

250. Bearing Heading

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-10 19:15:54 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 250 Message: 250

Hi Keith,
Do not think this is exactly what you are looking for as it covers
the world and not just the UK but it might be of interest to others.
Try http://mdxa.org/dxcclist.html
If someone does post a site that covers what you need I would be very
interested as well.
Regards to all,
Herbie.....

251. Re: Bearing Heading

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-10 20:00:45 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 250 Message: 251

hi herbie tnx for the link you sent me, that would be ok if it was for the whole of the uk only,,im investigating the CALLSEEKER CD,,, which someone has informed me as a logging prog and a beam heading prog built into it, if it does i will repost the topic again for anyone interested,,tnx again herbie,,,,,

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> Regards to all,
> Herbie.....

252. Re: Bearing Heading

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-10 22:14:54 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 250 Message: 252

Hi Keith and All,
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253. Message for Meatpie.....Re; Maps

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 02:45:38 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 253 Message: 253

Keith , I am not sure what type of map you are after wether it is for the PC or a wall map.

Anyway if it is a wall map then get down to travel section of your Nearest Waterstones , Ottakars (i.e proper bookshop)because they do some fantastic wall maps that come in big plastic tubes.

In my shack I have a huge map of the World and an equally large map of the United Kingdom that came from Waterstones in big plastic tubes and I would definately recommend them if you have the wall or floor space.

Best Wishes

Andrew

254. A little bit of Humour.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 03:01:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 254 Message: 254

For any other nightworkers like myself this maybe of interest.

I am an avid night time listener of Talksport Radio and the late night phone in/chat shows.

In my area I listen on 1089 MW but it is also available elsewhere on 1053 or 1071 MW , or on Digital Radio and on Sky Channel 858.

Now the point of all this is that on a Sunday night/Monday morning at about 4.00 am the host Mike Mendoza plays some classic comedy sketches from the bygone years of radio and television.

Despite it being before my time last night listeners were treated to a full hearing of Tony Hancock "The Blood Donor" . This was the first time I have really listened to anything by Mr Hancock.

Anyway for this coming Sunday Night/Monday morning Mr Mendoza has promised his listeners a full hearing of Tony Hancock "The Radio Ham".

Now I have heard of this sketch but have never actually heard it. My understanding is that it is very amusing so I will be up and listening when it is aired.

I just thought that because of the sketch content some other group members maybe interested.

Best Wishes

Andrew

255. Band Propagation

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 03:53:12 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 255 Message: 255

Hello everybody!! I am Hanafi from Malaysia and I am a member of this egroup. Hmmm, maybe I am the first foreighn member of this egroup. Anyway, can someone please inform me, or indicate to me a webpage/s, which states the performance of all the HF bands through out the 4 seasons. With this information, it would be easier for me to tune into DX shortwave stations, knowing which slot/s are opened, rather than scanning all of the SW bands. A belated happy new year to all.

Hanafi

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http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

256. Re: Message for Meatpie.....Re; Maps

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 08:43:52 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 253 Message: 256

Yep, same here.As regards wall world maps,depending on ones taste,a
Great Circle map could be a good idea. It gives the correct
bearings,whereas the normal Mercator type map doesn't. e.g. with the
standard school map, Australia appears to be southeast of the UK,
whereas in fact it's nearer to northeast, as confirmed on a great
circle map. Useful if using a directional loop or beam- you know
which way to point it. It is a coincidence Andrew mentioned Tony
Hancock , as this last Sunday I did a posting to another group
saying that 'today feels like a Tony Hancock Sunday afternoon, and
it can only get better'. We have most, if not all of the videos
hear, they are very good indeed. As the Frech say, 'the more things
change, the more they stay the same'.Particularly true of good and
clever humour. Eric--- In
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> floor space.
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> Andrew

257. Re: Bearing Heading

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 09:33:00 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 250 Message: 257

hi again eric, everything would be ok if i knew preston was north of me(that one i did know lol) its when someone says there qth is example nottingham, shrewsbury, etc, it would be nice to know were places like that are eg direction milage etc etc,,so a clear map would be ok,, ive d/loaded a few of the tinternet but not detailed enough,,so im going to have a look at the shop that andrew as mentioned, hope they have a web page as up here were lucky enough to have a smiths only lol,,, anyway thanks again eric, keep in touch, keith

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258. Re: Message for Meatpie.....Re; Maps

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 09:41:18 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 253 Message: 258

hi andrew thanks for getting in touch,, a wall map is what im after, d/loaded a few of tinternet but not enough detail etc,, just been telling eric im going to look for the bookshop you mentioned but up here in the backwaters we only have smiths bookshops,,so a web site is what im looking for, will be looking later on np,,, so thanks for the info and will post again with any relevent info,,,, stay lucky ,,,keith

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259. TADG'S NEW RADIO

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 16:14:38 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 259 Message: 259

HI GUYS,
JUST TO LET YOU ALL KNOW MY TS 2000 IS OFF THE AIR IT HAD TO BE SENT TO KENWOOD TO BE SORTED OUT,SO I HAVE NO HF RX AT THE MOMENT,I PUT THE ALINCO X10 ON THE WIRE ANTENNA BUT IT WAS CRAP,SO I HAVE JUST GOT A NEW TOY,TRIO 599 CUSTOM,SO WITH A BIT OF LUCK THE OLD GRIL SHOULD BE HERE BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. DOSE ANY OF THE GROUP KNOW IF THIS RADIO CAN BE WIDE BANDED,AT THE MOMENT IT COVERS 160-10 MTS HAM BANDS,IWOULD LIKE TO TRY AND GET IT TO 1-30 IF POSS,SO IF ANY ONE HAS ANY INFO THIS WOULD BE GREAT. I WILL PUT ON A PHOTO WHEN THE OLD GIRL GETS HERE.
HAS ANY ONE HERD ANY THING FROM S/E ASIA???
JUST MY LUCK LOTS OF STUFF TO EAR WIG BUT NO RADIO
HI TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS,(AND THE OLD ONES)LOOKS LIKE OUR GROUP IS GROWING AND GROWING, KEEP IT UP GUYS.
SEE YOU ALL LATER
TADG.

260. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INDOOR HF ANTENNA

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-11 17:21:19 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 260 Message: 260

HI ANDREW
JUST READ YOU POSTING ABOUT YOUR NEW HF ANTENNA,SEEMS ALL OK ON RX,YOU ASKED ABOUT HOW YOU SHOULD HAVE THE SAID ANTENNA,WHEN I DID MY M3 WE WERE TOLD HORIZONTAL WAS BEST THEN CAME INVERTED VEE,AND LAST VERT,BUT THE BEST THING ABOUT VERT POS IS IT CUTS OUT A LOT OF NOISE,ALSO YOU LOSE ABIT ON SIGNEL,I HAVE ALLWAYS FOUND HORIZONTAL TO BE BEST.I USED TO HAVE AN 150FT INVERTED VEE BUT MY 52FT HORIZONTAL WAS BEST,I ALSO HAD A 18FT GROUND MONT VERT THIS DID WORK BUT AGAIN THE HORIZONTAL WIRE WOULD GIVE 4-5 S POINTS MORE ON RX,BUT I THINK IF YOU KEEP TRYING YOU WILL FIND IT COMES DOWN TO COND/PROPAGATION,ETC.
I HOPE THIS HELPS..
ALL THE BEST TADG

261. Cheers Tadg.....Re; indoor HF antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-12 02:26:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 261 Message: 261

Thanks for that Tadg , I have only been trying out the aerial in it vertical form so far.

But I will definately have a play about with the various options to see what results are obtainable.

The main thing that I have noticed so far about the indoor antenna over the standard set top whip is the noise reduction , on some frequencies it is fantastic particularly on 80metres . I do however realise that it is responding to my local conditions and may not give the same results elsewhere.

I am using my Sony SW55 downstairs as my testbed , it has a bar type LCD signal meter and I have come to the conclusion that it doesn't really get off the floor for anything other than strong commercial broadcast signals (I suppose that was all it was designed to do). So when comparing the two antennas I really have to go on what my ears are telling me.

The indoor HF antenna was sold to me with the advertised noise reduction circuitry and I have to say that so far , and bearing in mind it is just a small indoor antenna , I am impressed with the £30.00 that it cost me.

Anyhow the testing goes on.

Best Wishes

Andrew

262. Re: Band Propagation

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-12 02:33:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 255 Message: 262

Welcome to the group Hanafi , I think that you are our second international member.
I am sorry that I cannot provide an answer to your question at this stage , however we have many other knowledgeable members here who may come up with the information that you need.

In the meantime take a look through our group "Links" there are loads of interesting sites there and one or two may provide you with the lead that solves your query.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

263. Welcome to all the latest group members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-12 02:39:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 263 Message: 263

Welcome to all the latest members to join the group.

I hope you find it interesting and can make full use of it.

Please feel free to post pictures of your equipment , aerials etc or tell us all where you are from and what you listen to etc..

All new and interesting frequencies on both HF and VHF are gratefully received.

Best Wishes

Andrew

264. MSG FOR HANAFI REF PROPAGATION

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-12 13:14:46 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 264 Message: 264

HI HANAFI,THE BEST THING TO DO IS PUT WORLD PROPAGATION IN YOUR
SERECH BAR, THIS WILL GIVE YOU LOADS OF SITES,OR YOU CAN TRY THE
RSGB WEB SITE/WWDXWEB SITE/ARRL WEB SITE,IF NO LUCK WITH THIS YOU
CAN TRY hf.radio.org or www.hamradio-online.com all the
sites will give you very good up to date links to world
propagation,also you can go on the nasa web site or try space radio
web site this also gives a good link to band propagation.
I HOPE THIS HELPS..
ALL THE BEST TADG

265. Question ??Re : Amateur band 2 metres

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-14 14:54:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 265 Message: 265

I have just been listening to a couple of amateurs on my local 2 metre repeater at Danbury , Essex (Nr.Chelmsford). This repeater is ome 8 or 9 miles from my location and comes in very strong indeed.

What I am interested to know is when I listen to the same operators on the input frequency they are obviously weaker , one of the guys I heard today was about 10 miles away and was just breaking through to me on the input frequency with my little JIM M75 cranked right up to maximum gain.

What is the rough maximum distance that two operators can communicate across without using the repeater?

Best Wishes

Andrew

266. Re message 265

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-14 14:58:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 266 Message: 266

I should add that the operator I was hearing on the input was mobile in a car and not on a larger home QTH antenna.

Best WIshes

Andrew

267. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Question ??Re : Amateur band 2 metres

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-14 15:52:23 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 265 Message: 267

It depends on several things: -

1 - the height of the transmitting and receiving
stations/antennas

2 - the power output of the transmitting station

3 - the terrain between the two stations

4 - the propagation at that particular time and
location

5 - the effeciency of the tx and rx antennas and
transceivers

de 9W2TZ
(Hanafi Md. Ishak - Alor Setar, Malaysia)

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268. MSG FOR ANDREW REF 2MTR BAND

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-14 20:23:55 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 268 Message: 268

HI ANDREW JUST READ YOUR POST ABOUT 2MTR BAND,YOU ASKED HOW FAR
COULD TWO WAY TX/RX ON THIS BAND GO,THERE IS NO REAL ANSER TO THIS
BUT AS A ROUGH RULE, "IT IS LINE OF SIGHT",ALL VHF/UHF TX/RX IS DOWN
TO POWER AND HOW HIGH THE ANTENNA IS. BUT ON GOOD DAYS YOU CAN GET
WHAT IS CALLED LIFT,(GOOD SKIP)THEN YOUR SIGNEL WILL TRAVEL,I HAVE
USED 10 WATTS IN THE LORRY FROM GRAYS AND HAD A QSO WITH A FEW CHAPS
IN MANCHESTER/IPSWITCH. BUT THIS IS DOWN TO THE LIFT,ALSO YOU SAID
ABOUT THE VERY WEEK SIGNEL FROM THE MOBILE,THIS IS DOWN TO HILLS
DIPS BULIDINGS ETC,UNLIKE HF,VHF SIGNELS SUFFERS FROM HILLS/DIPS ETC
THEY ALL KILL THE SIGNEL OF VHF/UHF.JUST FOR YOUR INFO THE DA REPT
RUNS ABOUT 20-25 WATTS. ALSO IF YOU NEED ANY REPT FREQ LET ME KNOW.
I HOPE THIS INFO HELPS YOU A BIT
ALL THE BEST TADG

269. Many Thanks for the 2 metre info .....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 07:55:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 269 Message: 269

Thanks to the members who have come back to me with regard my 2 metre band queries.

Best Wishes

Andrew

270. Message for Tadg .... Re ...2 metres.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 08:02:55 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 270 Message: 270

Cheers for the previous info on 2 metres Tadg.

I wonder if I could pick your brains a little further.

The frequency guides that I have do not go into great detail with regard to 2 metres. They do list all of the repeater frequencies and their inputs.

However I am interested to know if everything on 2 metres is done on NFM or is there activity on SSB or AM?

Also I scan around and sometimes find two or more operators using a particular non-repeater frequency. Is it like HF where they use an available frequency or do the 2 metre ones relate to any preset channel numbers?

Best Wishes

Andrew

271. MSG FOR ANDREW REF 2MTR BAND MORE INFO

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 16:02:17 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 271 Message: 271

HI ANDREW
HEAR IS A BIT MORE INFO ON THE 2 MTR BAND
144.000-144.150= CW ONLY
144.150-144.500= SSB/CW ONLY.CALLING FREQ 144.300 USB
144.500-144.845= ALL MODES
144.845-144.990= BEACONS
144.990-145.200= FM REPEATER INPUTS
145.200-145.600= FM SIMPLEX,12.5 OR 25 KC SPLITS CALLING 145.500 FM
145.600-145.800= FM REPEATER OUTPUTS
145.800-146.000= SATELLITE UP/DOWN LINKS
THE 145.200-145.600 PART OF THE BAND IS USED AS CHANNELS WITH 12.5
OR 25 KC SPLIT. IF YOU WANT TO HEAR SOME SSB TRY 144.360-365 MHZ DAY
TIME THERE USED TO BE A NET ON HERE,BUT THE RX CANE BE A BIT
WEAK,MOST OF THE HAMS WHO USE THIS RUN BEAMS,BUT YOU WILL STILL HEAR
THEM,OR TRY THE MAIN CALLING FREQ 144.300 USB,IF THERE IS A GOOD
LIFT ON YOUR SHOULD HEAR MOST OF THE UK/EURO ETC,PLEASE NOTE
SOMETIMES YOU CAN GO DAYS BEFORE YOU HEAR ANYONE,MOST OF THE HAMS
WAIT FOR THE LIFT,ALSO CONSTEST ARE RUN AT SOME WEEKENDS THIS IS THE
BEST TIME TO HAVE AN EAR WIG.
I HOPE THIS BIT OF INFO HELPS.
ALL THE BEST TADG

272. Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 17:35:10 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 272 Message: 272

Many Thanks for that info on 2 metres.

It is more useful than what is given in my frequency guide.

I have printed it up to stick on the shack wall as a regular point
of reference.

Best Wishes

Andrew

273. Messsage for Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 17:50:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 273 Message: 273

Tadg is that you keeping an eye on the RZ-1 ?

Best Wishes

Andrew

P.S if it is e-mail me at originalpickaxe@... and I could
have some useful information for you.

274. Site you all might find usefull

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 18:06:53 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 274 Message: 274

Amatuer Radio UK

http://www.aruk.org.uk/

Take a look

Andy

2E0AIV

275. JIM M75 pre amplifier.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 18:20:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 275 Message: 275

The last time a JIM M75 pre amp came up for grabs on Ebay I was the successful bidder and secured it for some £25 less than what it would have cost me to buy a brand new one in the same condition as the one I got.

I bid for it on the recommendation of some of the group members and I have been very happy with the performance.

For any members that are interested I have spotted another one on Ebay Bid Reference; 5744429265 , I don't need two so I won't be bidding on this one but maybe one of you will be a lucky punter.

Best Wishes

Andrew

276. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO KENWOOD

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 18:54:11 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 276 Message: 276

HI ANDREW
I SENT YOU AN EMAIL VIA THE OTHER ADDRESS
THANKS
TADG

277. Re: JIM M75 pre amplifier.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-15 20:23:01 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 275 Message: 277

Hi Andrew & All,
I'm glad you're pleased with your M-75.I've had great results
with mine.On certain frequencies used by a certain agency I have had
such good results that it brings in signals from way outside my usual
catchment area that clash with local transmissions.This may not
sound great but I can usually tell what's going on and where, and of
course there's always the option of turning down the gain on JIM.
Cheers, Pete.

essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning"
<essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

278. Re: JIM M75 pre amplifier.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-16 14:29:36 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 275 Message: 278

Hello All,
Well said Pete. The last few words ref. gain should be
well noted.The amateur radio community,generally speaking, tend to
be obsessed with the word 'gain'.Of course the marketing industry
are well aware of this and flog it for all it's worth. The word has
great appeal as it implies 'bigger is better', and that fits in with
the thought process of the masses.Never mind the quality feel the
width. This is of course just one word out of the arsenal of
seductive words and phrases employed by the marketers.One that comes
to mind out of the many is 'Get the strength of the insurance
companies around you', or similar. Strength and insurance
imply 'security'. - a great 'selling' word. A huge hoax as all the
rest of the bulls*it, as those unfortunate holders of pension
policies issued by Equitable Life found out when a chunk of
their 'promised' payout mysteriously evaporated. However, the
copywriters, ad' men and women,and reailers have little to fear, the
supply of gullible punters is near enough infinite.Now, as I was
saying, the M75, as Pete mentioned, does have the ability to act as
an attenuator,and that is a very handy feature, -hardly mentioned at
all in the ads' because attenuation is not a 'sexy' word and will
not sell a product, whereas 'gain' really does appeal to the
gullible.In other words most ads' are misleading in that they rarely
give the full story.They are slanted for the benefit of the retailer
and not the end user. Therefore it pays off to Thoroughly research a
product before handing over scarce cash. I say scarce simply because
amateur radio in all its forms is purely a hobby and every household
has spending priorities,-hobbies not usually figuring too
prominently.So it makes sense spend that scarce cash wisely by
researching every last nut and bolt of a product.Yes, I know the
above has a touch of 'grandmothers sucking eggs', - but there we go.
Eric --- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "squire9802"
<squire9802@y...> wrote:
>
> Hi Andrew & All,
> I'm glad you're pleased with your M-75.I've had great results
> with mine.On certain frequencies used by a certain agency I have
had
> such good results that it brings in signals from way outside my
usual
> catchment area that clash with local transmissions.This may not
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> >
> > Andrew

279. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO KENWOOD RZ1

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-16 14:40:53 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 279 Message: 279

HI ANDREW
THANKS ALOT ON THE INFO,I WILL KEEP IT UNDER MY HAT.
THANKS AGAIN
TADG

280. Stuff for sale.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-16 23:32:41 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 275 Message: 280

Hi
If anyone is interested I have a couple of items for sale...

ICOM PCR1000 computer controlled receiver / scanner.
Diamond D707 active antenna - 500 KHz to 1500 MHz. (very good at VHF/UHF - 20 Db gain)

Both are nearly new items, less than 2 months old.

reason for sale - After using them for a few weeks, decided to re-apply for my amateur licence again, and get a transceiver. Cant justify keeping the PCR, and need the money to finance more shack gear.

Mail me off list if interested, or more info - gardgas@...

281. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Stuff for sale.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 07:53:21 UTC
From: rob daines
Topic: 275 Message: 281

what sort of price are you looking for --- Nigel
Gardner <gardgas@...> wrote:
>
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> Hi
> If anyone is interested I have a couple of items for
> sale...
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> (very good at VHF/UHF
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>

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282. Re: Odds and ends

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 11:31:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 40 Message: 282

Hello to All,
As a follow on to Andrews letter,msg nr.5,and mine below.For xmas my son bought me a set of rf cordless speakers. They work ok and it's handy to be able to tune into something and carry one of the speakers around the house with me. However, they are obviously designed for 'hi-fi' music reproduction, and the big problem is that all the unwanted mush to be heard on the airwaves is faithfully reproduced in hi-fi as well.-Not good. As I wrote previously, I purchased a 20w speaker from bhi (in the links section)and it is far better than any hi-fi type speaker as it is manufactured for comms use.I have blind spots in my hearing and this speaker compensates exceptionally well. After all, the most important bits of a radio set-up are the aerial and the listening device on the other end.Even a ten or fifteen quid Chinese portable will work reasonably satisfactorily with those two items. I had a sales leaflet thru the post this morning and bhi have a sale, the LSPKR is down to £17.95 from £19.95, - no big deal but better than nothing. So for those using an external hifi speaker or similar,or wish to have an external speaker for their handheld, I reckon this model is the answer.I can now hear transmissions properly,clear as a bell, thanks to the speaker, and that is worth its weight in gold.
Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
>
> Hello All,
> A few bits and pieces... A very useful website for all
> sorts of interesting info. is http://www.aoruk.com
> Go to the bottom of the page, there you will see Table of Contents
> and Shortwave listeners guide. The long article on aerials is
> particularly good.
> BHI was mentioned earlier. A few days ago I bought a few items
> from them, not a dsp unit, but including a fairly large sized 20w
> extension speaker. The speaker in my AOR AR8600/2 is ok for it's
> size, but of course rather 'tinny' sounding. I have tried various
hi-
> fi type speakers incl. Sony actives but there was always
> something 'missing'. They are after all made mainly for music
> listening. There is a frequency 'hole' in my hearing, but the BHI
> speaker has plugged it up and now I can hear everything,
> no 'tinniness' at all. A very good buy indeed. Their five quid
> headphones are also very good, surprisingly enough.
> As regards interesting things to listen to, morse transmissions
> are one answer. It is often the case that radio amateurs using
morse
> seem to have a false sense of security and often disclose some

> fairly interesting things. Little do they know.. . I'm fully aware
> that those with no morse experience often throw their hands in the
> air at the mere thought of making friends with morse, but
> nevertheless it is worth pursuing. Just something to think about.
> Eric

283. WANTED WANTED WANTED

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 17:44:42 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 283 Message: 283

HI GUYS DOSE ANY OF THE GROUP HAVE ANY OLD BOXES/MANUALS??????
I HAVE WON A ON EBAY A TRIO 599 CUSTOM SPEICAL HAM BANDS
RECIVER,THIS RADIO DOSE COME WITH MANUALS BUT NO BOX,SO I WOULD LIKE
TO TRY AND GET THE BOX.
ALSO I HAVE WON,TRIO 9R-59DS HF RECIVER. AGAIN THIS RADIO IS COMEING
WITH NO MANUAL OR BOX SO I NEED TO TRY AND GET MANUALS AND BOX,
AND LAST I HAVE WON THE VERY RARE TRIO EXT SPEAKER FOR THE TRIO 9R-
59DS, SAME THING AGAIN NO BOX OR PAPER WORK,I KNOW THIS ARE VERY OLD
UNITS BUT I DO LIKE TO HAVE ALL THE BITS&BOBS.
I WOULD BE ONLY TO HAPPY TO PAY FOR THIS STUFF, SO IF ANYONE OUT
THERE HAS ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE LET ME KNOW,OR ANY INFO OR WEB
SITES WHERE I CAN GET HOLD OF THIS STUFF,JUST TO LET YOU ALL KNOW I
ONLY WANT ORIGINAL PAPER WORK AND BOXES.
THANKS A LOT GUYS
ALL THE BEST
TADG.

284. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Stuff for sale.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 20:02:50 UTC
From: Nigel Gardner
Topic: 275 Message: 284

£295.00 for the PCR1000 (+postage)

£100.00 for the antenna, interface & power supply (+postage)

Location is near Oxford for anyone who wants to save postage.

73's Nigel

-----Original Message-----
From: rob daines [mailto:robandsarah49@...]
Sent: 17 January 2005 07:53
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Stuff for sale.....

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Gardner <gardgas@...> wrote:
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> Hi
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285. Manual for Trio 9r-59ds

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 20:17:35 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 285 Message: 285

Hi,
If you use your search engine and type in (manual for Trio 9R-57DS)
it
will find a site in Cornwall that have a manual for that model,
as well as other older radios.
Regards,
Herbie.

286. MSG FOR HERIBIE REF MANUALS/BOXES

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 20:21:47 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 286 Message: 286

HI HERBIE
THANKS FOR THE INFO,I WILL TRY THAT WEB SITE NOW
ALL THE BEST
TADG

287. AIS - Automatic Id System

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-17 21:10:21 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 287 Message: 287

I found this on another group, and as I live in the middle of the country, it is not much use to me. However, you guys down south may like to give it a try.

AIS Monitoring, more fun you can do with your receiver!

http://www.shipplotter.com/

ShipPlotter displays information about ships that are within VHF range of your position using the Universal Automatic Identification System (AIS).
AIS is a system that ships use to communicate their positions to each other as part of the global maritime safety system. From December 2004, all ships over 300 tons must carry an AIS system which broadcasts information about the ship to any suitably equipped receiver.
AIS uses very short bursts of high speed data on two VHF channels in the marine band. The two frequencies used are 161.975 MHz and 162.025 MHz. Using a low cost radio scanner tuned to one or other of these channels and ShipPlotter software running on your PC, you will be able to see a radar-like real-time chart of all the large ships manoeuvring in your area together with information about their destination, estimated time of arrival and the dimensions of each vessel.

You can download the software from the link above, and some more infomation is available from the link below

http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais/how_AIS_works.htm

As usual, there is a limited 21 day evaluation period, then you have to register the software (about 25 euro's)

I'm going to give it a try here, but as it is line of sight, I don't think I will have much luck

Cheers

Bill

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288. General Observation.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-18 02:36:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 288 Message: 288

It was interesting to hear about Tadg's problems with regard to boxes and manuals that more often than not are no available with the item of second hand kit that one is buying.

My own father at the age of 75 is busy researching the family tree and the further he goes back into the 19th century the more difficult it becomes due to poor record keeping of the people alive at that time.
I have remarked with him that in another 100 years , providing we haven't been blown into bits and pieces by a meteor strike , any of our great , great , grandchildren should have a far easier time putting together a family tree due to our superior record keeping at this time.

Now what has this got to do with boxes and manuals etc..

Well I regard Ebay as a very young medium , it can't be more than five or six years old.
As such a lot of good second hand kit is available.
However like our ancestors did some 100 years ago in improving their record keeping we as modern day purchasers need to do the same with regard to manuals and boxes so that when the time comes some months or even years after purchase we can pop up on Ebay and offer a complete package for sale , exactly as it came to us when new.

It drives my wife crackers but in my loft I have every box , manual and receipt for goods that I buy so that when they are no longer required they can be easily sold on Ebay and will more often than not fetch a better price.

My vision is that as Ebay grows older (and all other second hand sales areas) people will start to get wise and keep all their boxes and manuals in exactly tha same way as our ancestors decades ago started to improve their record keeping to the benefit of the future generations.

That was a bit long winded but I thought it deserved the comparison.

Well done to the group for all the days busy postings.

Best Wishes

Andrew

289. Trio 9R-59ds

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-18 08:17:02 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 289 Message: 289

Hi to all,
I used google to find the manual for the above site, if this does not work for you try the following.
Using your search engine type in the following.
rigpix database trio 9r-59ds
Press search
Click on top option
You should then have a picture of the radio. scroll down the specification chart and the bottom line will have the options for either the manaul or wiring diagram.
I have not treid for other radio's as yet but it looks as though it is possible
Regards to all,
Herbie.....from a not so sunny Walton on the Naze.

290. THANKS TO ALL FOR THE INFO

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-18 19:05:31 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 290 Message: 290

HI GUYS
THANKS TO ONE AND ALL FOR THE INFO ABOUT MANAULS/BOXES.
I STILL HAVENT BEEN ABEL TO GET HOLD OF ANY MANUALS OR BOXES
ALL THE SITES ETC ONLY DO PHOTO COPYS, AND ME BEING A RIGHT TART WANT
THE REAL THING.STILL I WILL KEEP LOOKING.
ALSO I FOUND A GREAT WEB SITE JUNKSALE THIS WEB SITE IS FOR HAM RADIO
OPP WHO WANT TO BUY AND SELL, I HAD A LITTLE LOOK TO DAY AND ITS
FULL OF STUFF. UNLIKE EBAY MOST OF THE RADIOS ETC ARE SOLD FOR A
FIXED PRICE. IE FRG 7 RECIVER £70 ONO/ TRIO/KENWOOD R 2000 WITH THE
VHF WAS £130. SO I THINK A FEW BITS AND BOBS TO BE HAD FOR THE
WRIGHT SORT OF CASH. NOT ONLY CAN YOU SELL THERE IS A WANTED LIST
ALSO A PART X LIST, AND THE BEST BIT ITS FREE!!!!!
TAKE A LOOK YOU MIGHT FIND WOT YOUR LOOKING FOR
I AM NOT GOING TO TRY AND PUT IT ON THE LINKS PAGE,COS THE LAST TIME
I TRIED THIS I COULD NOT DO IT (I HATE PC) SO IF ONE OF YOU CLEAVER
CHAPS OUT THERE CAN GET IT TO THE LINKS PAGE, IM SHURE IT WOULD BE
GREAT FOR US ALL. THE WEB SITE IS WWW.JUNKSALE.CO.UK
DONT FORGET HAVE A LOOK.
ALL THE BEST AND ONCE AGAIN THANKS FOR THE INFO.
TADG(THE ONE WHO CANT WORK THE PC)

291. NEW WEB SITE REF JUNK SALE

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-18 19:20:04 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 291 Message: 291

IT SEEMS I CAN USE A PC THE ABOVE SITE HAS BEEN PUT ON THE LINKS PAGE
SO DONT WORRY ABOUT PUTTING IT ON FOR ME.
ALL THE BEST TADG.

292. Another useful program

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-18 22:08:19 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 292 Message: 292

I don't know if any of you guys are loggers, or
collate logs, but here is a "Freeware" logging program
which I use for logging my mil air contacts

http://www.shortwavelog.com/

All you need to do is download it an follow the
instructions

Cheers

Bill

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293. Another New Link.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-19 02:58:31 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 293 Message: 293

Having heard of this site called Rigpix I decided to go and have a look.

It is quite goos so I have stuck it in the links.

Take a look.

Best Wishes

Andrew

294. Fwd: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Another useful program

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-19 22:16:54 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 294 Message: 294

If you have a look at the following link there is an
example of what the program can do

http://www.shortwavelog.com/Community

Cheers

Bill

--- Bill Smith <wes62d@...> wrote:
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
> From: Bill Smith <wes62d@...>
> Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2005 22:08:19 +0000 (GMT)
> Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Another useful
> program
>

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295. TADGS TRIO 9R-59DS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-20 15:30:48 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 295 Message: 295

HI GUYS
JUST TO LET THE GROUP KNOW MY TRIO 9R-59DS CAME ON WENSDAY,AFTER SPENDING ALL AFTERNOON CLEANING THE FAG SMOKE OFF IT (WHY DO PEOPLE LET THERE SETS GET LIKE THAT???)I TURNED IT ON TO FIND A FEW MINNOR THINGS WRONG, THE SIGNEL METER DOSE NOT READ,IT HAS THE WRONG FRONT FEET AND THE WIRE ANTENNA CONT IS MISSING,STILL FOR £26 WHAT MORE COULD I HOPE FOR.THE RX SEEMS FINE I HAD AN EAR WIG ON 40/80 MTS AND ALL SEEMS FINE. I WILL BE SENDING IT TO MY RADIO MAN BOB IN CHELSFORD JUST TO HAVE THE RADIO REALINED AND THE METER/ANT DONE.
BUT AFTER 2 WEEKS WITH NO HF, ITS GREAT TO BE BACK.

I HAVE PUT A PHOTO ON IF ANY ONE WANTS TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE OLD GIRL
ALL THE BEST
TADG

296. Message for Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 02:50:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 296 Message: 296

That looks like an ancient piece of kit Tadg.

Would I be on the right track in thinking that the Trio brand name has some sort of assocition with Kenwood?

I have been reading up in my various publications about different receivers both old and new.

My ideal would be to have the monster JRC 545 however at a new price of £1300.00 and not a great deal less for second hand that is well on the back burner.

My hard earned pennies go into maximising the pulling power of my antennas and improvements to the shack.

I am however quite interested in the oppertunity of breathing new life into old kit.
I already run 2 AOR 3000a's and 2 Kenwood R5000's and have about 7 Realistic Pro 2042's which I leave monitoring local frequencies on the set top twig.

I am currently keeping an eye out for a nice condition Kenwood R1000 which was in its day quite a good radio , so I hear , and probably still is.

Its a funny thing but unlike mobile phones , Tv's , Hi -Fi's etc specialist radio kit like what we use seems to outlive it all in the second hand market and provides years of use.

You may have seen in the pictures My Panasonic DR B600 , its a big radio and averagely rated on most websites , its very old , but in lovely condition , and I wouldn't part with it lightly especially as good clean examples seem very rare.
I use it for commercial broadcast listening connected to an RF systems MTA (magnetic transfer antenna)mini windom.
It was my first desktop HF rig and everytime I switch it on I breathe a sigh of relief when it lights up and cranks into life.
In car terms its from the era of Ford Cortina MK5 and you don't see many of those on the road anymore.

Best Wishes

Andrew

297. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO TRIO/KENWOOD

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 09:59:25 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 297 Message: 297

HI ANDREW
YES YOU ARE WRIGHT KENWOOD WAS THE NAME USED FOR THE USA,SOME THING TO DO WITH COPEYRIGHT LAWS,I CANT THINK WHO WAS USING THE NAME TRIO AT THE TIME BUT I KNOW IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH RADIO.IT WAS ALSO SAID THE NAME KENWOOD WAS MORE AMERICAN SOUNDING.(MABEY SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WAR,PEARL HARBOUER,AND ALL THAT)THIS 9R-59DS WAS MADE 1968/69 SORT OF TIME.I DO LOVE THE OLD STUFF,I AM WAITING FOR MY 70'S RADIO THE TRIO 599 CUSTOM SP THAS A REAL FINE LOOKING RADIO ALL ALLY FRONT,THAT SHOULD BE HERE VERY SOON (I AM HOPEING TO DAY WITH A BIT OF LUCK).AS FOR YOUR SET UP IT SEEMS AS LIKE ME YOU ARE A TRIO/KENWOOD MAN,I VE HAD A FEW KENWOOD BITS OF KIT,2X R600 AND 1X R2000,BUT THE RADIO I REALY WANT YOU HAVE 2 THE R 5000,WHAT A RADIO, I JUST CANT BRING MY SELF TO PAY THE SORT OF CASH THEY STILL GET I VE SEEN THE R 5000 GETTING ANY THING FROM £250-£400,BUT ONE DAY I WILL GET IT,AS FOR THE JRC TOP TOP BIT OF KIT,TOP PRICE TAG TOO, AS FOR THE TRIO R 1000 THERE IS ONE ON EBAY WRIGHT NOW THE LAST TIME I LOOKED IT WAS ABOUT £30/£40 REVS NOT MEET, I HOPE THE 1000 IS NOT LIKE THE R600 VERY CORESE TUNEING,AS SOON AS THE 599 GETS HERE I WILL PUT A PHOTO ON.
ALL THE BEST TADG.

298. Re: MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO TRIO/KENWOOD

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 10:59:01 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 297 Message: 298

Hi Folks,

Talking of old kit, it's me back again. To verify that
point, I bought the said Trio from Lowe, Derbyshire 68 or 69 ish for
I think £49 brand new, or possibly it was 49guineas - the retailers
always wanted that 'bit extra', - not much changes. It was 'ok' for
its class, but from what I remember,I'm sure it was that particular
radio, - don't bust the drive cord - a nightmare to 'rewind'. I sold
it 15 yrs or so ago, in mint condx for the same money. Of course
with inflation, I lost a lot, but that's the name of the game.If I
still had the box and manual you would be most welcome TADG. Eric ---
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299. Reply to Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 14:50:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 299 Message: 299

Tadg , the reviews I have read of the Kenwood R1000 are that it is a very stable radio and is rated at 5 stars on the Modern Receivers website , the same site only gives the R2000 4 stars.
The reviews of the R600 suggest that it wass somewhat unstable.

As for the Kenwood R5000 I can't see the second hand prices falling too quickly because they are so sought after , rightly so they are an excellent piece of kit.

The R5000 though does have one major problem as it gets older and it is a problem that soon occurred when I bought my first one secondhand.

The inside of the radio contains a battery (lithium type) that controls the PLL and all the radio memories.
This is designed to hold the memories for up to 10 days if the radio is disconected from the mains.
However as these radios have got older the batteries have become exhausted and what happens is the the PLL comes unlocked and completely knackers the radio. You know when this is happening because the frequency display becomes a series of flashing dots and the receive dies.

When this happened to mine I sought help and Waters & Stanton who duly organised repairs at Castle Electronics at Wolverhampton for me.
The repairs cost £80.00 as some other ninor faults were corrected at the same time.
It was money well spent as the radio is now first class.

If you look at user groups for Kenwood R5000 users it is the most common fault absolutely loads of postings as these radios age.

My answer to this is to never ever disconnect mine from the mains as that way the battery is not called upon to cut in.

Still an excellent radio though and well recommended.

Best Wishes

Andrew

300. Army Helicopters ??.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 16:35:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 300 Message: 300

Here in Billericay , Essex I have for some time now noticed that my house is sited directly underneath a well used flight path for Army helicopters.

They often go across in pairs (sometimes more) and they can be either the huge double rotor Chinooks or the Sea King type of helicopter.

I haven't yet seen anything like tha Apache type fighter copter although I'm not sure if that is used by us , I know i have seen it or something similar on the TV used by the Yanks.

I don't know where these choppers over my QTH are going to or from but the direction of travel is always the same they seem to come from the direction of Chelmsford and head out towards the Dartford Crossing/Jct 31 M25 area and vice versa.

I would be interested to know if any of the members have any further information and any frequencies that these choppers are known to use.

Best Wishes

Andrew

301. Message for Tadg,

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 16:43:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 301 Message: 301

Tadg , I wonder if you could give me the Ebay reference number of the R1000 that you have seen as I cannot find it.

I did a search and the only one came back as being in the USA.

Unfortunately I have had a very bitter experience of buying on Ebay overseas and as a consequence I have refused to trade outside of the UK ever again.

One of the problems of buying overseas is the ridiculous cost of postage and the inherent problems that it in turn creates if things go wrong.

Basically about 2 years ago I lost £150.00 over a duff bit of kit bought from Hong Kong and Ebay didn't want to know as far as reimbursing me was concerened (it wasn't radio equipment) so from that day since its been UK only.

If that vendor had lived in the UK and not Hong Kong , even if he was in the North Of Scotland I would of got in the car and driven up "to put his hat on straight".

Lesson learned.

Best Wishes

Andrew

302. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO TRIO/ KENWOOD R1000

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 17:06:22 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 302 Message: 302

HI ANDREW
THANKS FOR THE INFO (REF R 5000)
THE R 1000 IS UNDER TRIO IN THE HAM LISTING ,THE ITEM No 5745339740
AT THE LAST LOOK IT WAS £31 AND 4 DAYS TO GO.BEST OF LUCK IF YOU
HAVE A BID.
ALL THE BEST
TADG

303. New Link added.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 17:06:45 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 303 Message: 303

I was listening last night to some local amateurs using the Danbury, Essex 2 meter repeater (145.725mhz) and they were talking about a radio shop in the Clacton area called Coastal Communications??

Anyhow I decided to do a web search for this establishment but nothing came up.

However I did stumble across this other website of similar name that is dedicated to M.f and VHF Coastal Communication stations.

I am sure that it will be of interest to the group members so I have added it to the "Links" section.

Best Wishes

Andrew

304. Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 17:33:39 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 304 Message: 304

I have had a look at that radio and I will keep an eye on it.

I am not sure if it is going to be in the condition that I would like , I will have to contact the vendor for more info.

I see you have already found the R5000 so good luck with that , it looks like it might be a nice one.

Best Wishes

Andrew

305. Re Coastal Communications

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-21 23:21:52 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 305 Message: 305

Hi Andrew,
With regard to your posting and Costal Communications.
Yes it is in Clacton in Cambridge Road I think,will check with
Richard tomorrow to see if he has a website and let you know.
Regards,
Herbie.....from sunny Walton on the Naze

306. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Army Helicopters ??.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-22 16:16:30 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 300 Message: 306

Over your way in Essex, the helicopters could be from
any of the following:
Wattisham (large Army base in Suffolk)sorry no
Apachies, mainly Lynx, Gazelle and the occasional Sea
King (RAF SAR)
Frequencies:
358.600
291.125
283.575
356.175
359.825
340.125
252.900 AAC Air to Air
247.000 as above
249.900 as above
243.000 Nato Guard - always monitored - emergencies
242.075
268.875
293.425
299.975 London Mil East

or

RAF Odiham (main RAF helicopter base) Chinook or Lynx
372.500
309.625
315.975
386.775
276.175
300.450
385.400 NATO Radar Common
300.800 NATO Low Level
312.000
282.250
252.900 AAC Air to Air
293.625 Support Helicopter Ops
268.825
315.750
259.875
279.350

Dishforth (up here in Yorkshire) Mainly Lynx, Gazelle
and now the Apache

135.975
125.000

379.675
259.825
130.100
375.375
252.900 AAC Air to Air

Middle Wallop (Hampshire - AAC training establisment
Lynx, Gazelle, Apache, Islander, etc)

243.500
312.000
253.900
275.400
118.275
252.900 AAC Air to Air
241.675
282.250
364.825
312.675

Mildenhall (US 252 Special Ops - MH53M)

149.650
142.650
149.550
247.225
340.425
372.275

I'd put all of the Mildenhall in the scanning bank

Also try the following London Control frequencies for
the transmitter site at Chedburgh near Buy St Edmunds

118.475
126.600
127.100
127.825
128.125
128.700 London Military
132.600
133.325 London Military
133.450
233.800 London Military (Very active fast jets etc)
263.075 London Military east
292.600 As above

As you can see, there are a lot to choose from. I
would start with the ones that I have put a note
against and the Mildenhall ones. Let the group know
how you get on.

Cheers

Bill

ALL-NEW Yahoo! Messenger - all new features - even more fun! http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com

307. Cheers Herbie.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-22 16:34:25 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 307 Message: 307

I always like to have a nose around unvisited radio shops.

Clacton is about an hour or so from here so I think I will save it for a day when we can take the kids to the beach and then "by the way I think I just saw a radio shop over there , back in five....."

Will definately be interested if they have a website.

There is a huge shop not far from here called "Haydon Communications" and they are very big on mail order and a regular advertiser in PW , SWM and Radio Active etc and yet they have no website - I hope they remedy that in the near future.

Best Wishes

Andrew

308. Thanks to Bill.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-22 16:38:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 308 Message: 308

Many Thanks for the very comprehensive info on the helicopters Bill.

I have printed it up already for the shack pin board.

I think my best way forward will be to program that litttle lot into my AOR 3000A and then leave it on memory scan until it senses some activity.

I am sure the other group members will find it equally as useful , it really does highlight the benefits of having a group as the books don't always tell you everything.

Best Wishes

Andrew

309. Bill , quick question????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-22 16:54:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 309 Message: 309

Bill those frequencies that you gave , I will check in one of my books , but for the benefit of myself asnd the group can I assue that they are NFM or could they be AM?

Best Wishes

Andrew

310. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Bill , quick question????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-22 17:24:09 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 309 Message: 310

Sorry mate

All AM

Bill

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Best Wishes

Andrew

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To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...

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311. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-25 15:48:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 311 Message: 311

Welcome to Dermott100 the latest member to join our group.

Hope you find it a useful group Dermott , as you will see there are loads of interesting links and a huge number of messages in the archive to be read (if you have the time).

Best Wishes

Andrew

312. Desktop aerial

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 08:26:45 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 312 Message: 312

Hello Andrew,
Just wondering if you've got 'round to playing with
the new aerial yet. I fully realise you're a busy chap so best to
ignore this letter if nothing to report. Thanks, Eric

313. Hello

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 13:36:04 UTC
From: Dermott Young
Topic: 15 Message: 313

Hello Andrew (and everyone else)

Thanks very much for the welcome. This is the first
mailing list I have joined, where this has been done.
It is a great way of getting new people to speak
(smiley)

Way back in the 1980's I used to be a keen short wave
listener, when I lived in Belfast, but since I moved
to London / Tonbridge, other interests (and mortgages)
took my attention away, but I am now getting back into
the hobby and have joined this and other groups, to
catch up on the scene.

I will be reading with interest.

Take care.

Dermott

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Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail - Find what you need with new enhanced search.
http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

314. Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 14:44:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 314 Message: 314

Well time is definately of a premium Eric , and I have not had a lot of it recently due to compiling my end of year accounts for the accountant.

However the indoor HF antenna seems to be worth the £30.00 it cost as I am finding it to be a definate improvement over the set top whip and the long wire reel antenna.

What is particularly impressive is the built in noise reduction - it works very well. I should really mail the vendor and ask for more info on that as he doesn't really go into great detail about it other than to say it has been improved on the latest models.

Without getting to carried away though it is just an indoor antenna that is for use down here when I cannot get up into the shack.
It is clearly no match for my Wellbrook Loop.
In fact I would be interested if any group members know of a better garden size HF antenna than the Wellbrook.

I have just beeen given a "second chance offer" on Ebay for a Kenwood/Trio R1000 receiver and pending some questions to the vendor it may soon be mine and I might use it at some point to try out some new antenna systems.

Best Wishes

Andrew

315. Message for Dermott100.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 14:47:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 315 Message: 315

Dermott, I would be interested to know how you found out about the group. Did you just do a search of yahoo "radio" groups?

The reason that I ask is that when I started up this group I promoted it by using a non-bidding ad on Ebay in the radio equipment section and I suspect moost of the members joined via that link.

I haven't done one of those ads for a number of weeks now so I thought it might be interesting to know.

Best Wishes

Andrew

316. TADGS RADIOS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 19:40:54 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 200 Message: 316

HI GUYS
JUST TO LET YOU ALL KNOW MY TRIO 599 CUSTOM SPECIAL CAME ON WENSDAY,AND IM VERY HAPPY WITH IT THE COND IS NOT BAD THE OUTTER CASE NEEDS A RE PAINT,BUT IT WORKS VERY WELL. THIS RADIO COVERS 160-10 MHZ AND ALSO COVERS 144-146 (2 METER BAND)IN AM/FM/SSB/CW. UNLIKE THE 9R-59DS OR THE 500S THIS IS ALL SOLID STATE,IT HAS MANY BITS AND BOBS,AND IS FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN THE OTHER RADIOS I HAVE, ALSO MY TS2000 IS BACK FROM KENWOOD,SO I AM BACK TO HAVEING AN EAR WIG, CANT SAY IVE FOUND ANY THING NEW YET BUT I WILL BE HAVEING A GOOD GO THIS WEEKEND,ALSO I WON ON EBAY,A TRIO JR 500S WITH THE SP-5DS, THIS IS A HAM BAND ONLY RECIVER 10-80 MTS AM/SSB/CW. SO ALL SEEMS WELL IN MY QTH,APART FROM HER IN DOORS MOANING ABOUT ALL THE RADIOS IN THE BED ROOM,(I KEEP TELLING HER ITS NOT A BEDROOM ITS A SHACK) SO IVE GOT TO LET A FEW OF THEM GO. I WILL KEEP THE CUSTOM AND TS2000 AND GET RID OF THE 9R-59DS/THE JR 500S/ AND MY ALINCO X10. I THINK I WILL TRY AND SWAP THEM FOR A 2/70 RADIO OR SOME SMALL HF BASE SET. I WILL PUT A PHOTO ON THE SITE ON FRIDAY, SO IF ANY ONE WANTS TO HAVE A LOOK FEEL FREE. HI TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS.
ALL THE BEST
TADG

317. HF Amateur News

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-26 20:35:11 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 317 Message: 317

Hi to you all,
If anyone is interested in HF amateurs and would like to know where
to listen for those rare calls try this site.
www.425dxn.org then highlight a issue number.They do like one to sign
up so that you get each issue emailed to you but it is not necessary
for just a look, provides news on all the rare DX expeditions etc.
Regards to all,
Herbie.... G6XOU

318. Re: Message for Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 00:35:27 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 314 Message: 318

Hello Andrew,new members and All,
Thanks for the info. Well,it
sounds good, and I bet it'd be really good outside on a picnic bench
in the better(hopefully) weather.I too would just love to know the
configuration of his ferrite circuitry.The thing with all these
items is that if they work, and they are durable, they are well
worth the cash in the long term and won't end up as car-boot-sale
fodder.The cost per week over just 1 year, is peanuts. For outdoor
aerials, an interesting site,- have a look at WFLA just by RF
Systems catalogue, and the Dx-One Pro MK2, that Haydon also
carry.Personally speaking I'd rather spend my cash on the bit on the
left, but... http://www.rys.nl/accessoires.htm
See you later. Eric --- In
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

319. I cant't beleive it Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 02:37:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 319 Message: 319

Radios in the bedroom.....you must be joking , I would not let my Mrs. anywhere near my listening kit .

My shack is safely up in the rafters out of harms way, away from the Mrs. and away from the kids and their sticky fingers.

It also means I can sneak in new bits of kit no questions asked.

Come on Tadg , get down to B & Q and get some of that cheap loft flooring and get you own little den , I can even pull up the ladder and the trap door in mine and spend the evening like a little Hermit.....Ah bliss.....

Best Wishes

Andrew

320. Cheers Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 02:40:15 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 320 Message: 320

Lot of info there , I am fast approaching my in bed by 3.00am curfew (imposed by she upstairs) so I will have a more detailed look tomorrow.

Best Wishes

Andrew

321. Re: I cant't beleive it Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 11:07:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 319 Message: 321

HAHAHAHAHAHA

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> Andrew

322. Dermott

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 13:46:50 UTC
From: Dermott Young
Topic: 322 Message: 322

Andy

You're right. I did a Yahoo search. To be honest, I
was initially looking for a group called the Alfa Lima
group (for the short wave pirates) with no luck..
Anyone know where I may find them, or a group relating
to the same subject?

In the end, I just went into the hobbies section and
did a search around radio related sites. This one
looked like what I was looking for and it looked very
active, so I signed in.

Dermott

""Dermott, I would be interested to know how you found
out about the
group. Did you just do a search of yahoo "radio"
groups?

Andrew ""

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http://mail.yahoo.com

323. TADGS RADIOS REF TRIO

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-27 18:42:03 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 323 Message: 323

HI GUYS
I HAVE JUST PUT THE PICS ON OF THE 2 NEW TRIOS ON SO FEEL FREE TO HAVE A LOOK.
WITH REF TO THE LOFT I DID WANT TO HAVE A SHACK UP THERE BUT IT WOULD HAVE COST TO MUCH,AND IT WAS A LOT OF WORK MOVEING BEAMS AND BEARERS ETC,THERE IS NO WAY I COULD USE IT WITH JUST PUTTING DOWN A FLOOR. IT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE MOD CONS ETC.SO THAT IS WHY I AM STUCK IN THE BEDROOM.
THE TRIO 599 CUSTOM HAS BEEN ON TEST TODAY AND WHAT A RADIO,I PUT IT UP WITH THE TS2000 AND THE 599 IS FAR BETTER ON RX,ON THE 40 MTR BAND I WAS LISTING TO A HAM IN POLAND, THE SIGNEL ON THE TS 2000 WAS 5-8,BUT ON THE 599 IT WAS +20-40.OK SO IT HASENT GOT ALL THE FILTERS ETC,BUT I AM WELL PLEASED WITH THE OLD GIRL,IT REALLY WORKS WELL.SO FAR IT HAS TO BE THE BEST RECIVER IVE HAD. SO I THINK THIS ONE WILL STAY IN THE BEDROOM,IN FACT I THINK I WILL TRY TO GET HOLD OF THE MATCHING TRANSMITER.
AS FOR THE OTHER RECIVERS THEY WILL HAVE TO GO,WELL I SAY GO I WILL TRY TO SWAP THEM FOR A LATER RECIVER OR A 2/70 RADIO FOR THE TRUCK.SO IF ANY OFF THE GROUP WANT THEM BEFORE THEY GO ON EBAY PLEASE LET ME KNOW.(PHOTOS ARE ON THE SITE) ALL THE BEST TADG999

324. WANTED TRIO TX 599 CUSTOM SPECIAL

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-28 10:38:05 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 324 Message: 324

HI GUYS DOSE ANYONE HAVE A TRIO TX599 CUSTOM SPECIAL TO GO WITH MY
TRIO JR 599,CUSTOM SPECIAL. IF SO PLEASE EMAIL THIS SITE OR
tadg.sweeney@...
OR PHONE ME ON 07841 339 378.
WITH PRICE AND COND ETC.
THANKS A LOT
TADG999

325. MSG FOR ANDREW REF INFO KENWOOD R 1000

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-28 18:33:41 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 325 Message: 325

HI ANDREW
JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT THERE IS AN R 1000 ON EBAY,THAT NEEDS TO
BE SORTED OUT,IT LOOKS CLEAN AND TIDY,MAY BE WORTH A LOOK AT THE
MOMENT IT IS £7.70 WITH A DAY AND A BIT TO GO THE ITEM No 5746377159
ALL THE BEST TADG

326. Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 07:43:00 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 326 Message: 326

As it happens I successfully won a recent auction for an R1000 that should be in transit to me at this time.

I managed to secure it for £66.00 which didn't seem to be a bad price.

Obviously it is an old radio but the vendor described it as being in full working order and of reasonable condition for its age , so we shall see.

The one that you have mentioned I think I saw and it needs repair.

I tend to try and avoid stuff like that as I wouln't know how to do the repairs myself.

I know that when one of my R5000's started to play up it set me back £80.00 although it was money well spent.

Best Wishes

Andrew

327. Essex and S.E. vhf/uhf/microwave freq list.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 09:24:20 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 327 Message: 327

Hello All,
Trawling around I came across this interesting site. I don't know if this is new or old info but here it is and the steps I took to get to it. Go to
http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi/
Then to Hamradiosites.Then to 'promalist'.Then to 'frequency list'.You will then be at a place called 'Wave'. Eric

328. Tadg , an interesting number for you.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 15:53:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 328 Message: 328

Ebay reference; 5748059941.

Best Wishes

Andrew

329. Chers Eric.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 15:56:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 329 Message: 329

That looks like an interesting site , I am however having trouble getting around it.

I think it may well be my very protective firewall settings again that are not allowing full access. You may remember that I had similar problems with using DXtuners.com due to the firewall.

I will however give it another go later on , it may just be the time of day.

Best Wishes

Andrew

330. THANKS ANDREW

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 16:05:59 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 330 Message: 330

HI ANDREW THANKS FOR THAT ILL KEEP AN EYE ON THAT,AND THIS TIME WAIT
TILL THE LAST MIN. THATS IF IT DOSENT GO TO HI
ALL THE BEST
TADG

331. HAM RADIO CONTEST THIS WEEKEND

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 17:05:49 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 331 Message: 331

HI GUYS
JUST TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THERE IS A CONTEST ON THE HAM HF BANDS,THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO TEST YOUR RX ON YOUR RADIOS. THE 40 MTR BAND (7.000-7.200 LSB) IS BUZZING WITH SOME RARE DX STATIONS CALLING IN
ALL THE BEST TADG

332. INFO WANTED ON IRAQ

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 18:46:02 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 332 Message: 332

HI GUYS DOSE ANY OF THE GROUP KNOW OF ANY FREQ WHERE I CAN LISTEN TO ANY BROADCAST FROM IRAQ, AS YOU ALL KNOW THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WEEKEND IN THE HISTORY OF IRAQ,AND INSTEAD OF LOOKING ON SKY NEWS ,I WOULD LOVE TO TRY AND PICK UP ANY BROADCAST FROM IRAQ,I KNOW SOME TIME AGO(DURING THE WAR) THE USA WAS BRODCASTING FROM THERE. BUT AFTER MUCH LOOKING I CANT SEEM TO FIND ANY BROADCAST STATIONS,SO IF ANY OF THE GROUP HAS ANY INFO I WOULD BE A VERY HAPPY CHAP TO HERE FROM YOU THANKS A LOT TADG

333. Iraq Broadcast

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 20:07:09 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 333 Message: 333

Hi to TADG,
Try the following site www.dxing.info/articles/iraq.dx
you may find what you are looking for here.Hope you have all heard a
few new Countries in the UBA Contest this weekend, always a good one
this one
Regards,
Herbie G6XOU

334. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Iraq Broadcast

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 20:14:07 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 333 Message: 334
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

HI HERIB THANKS FOR THE INFO, ILL TRY IT NOW.
THANKS AGAIN TADG

-------Original Message-------

From: Herbie
Date: 01/29/05 20:08:49
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Iraq Broadcast

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To visit your group on the web, go to:
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/

To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...

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335. Re: Iraq Broadcast

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 20:20:34 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 333 Message: 335

Or have a go on this one
http://www.schoechi.de
Look under Clandestine Radio Watch, CRW. Couldn't see anything for
Iraq but our friend Radio Farda is mentioned. Just as I thought,-
bdcast for consumption in Iran. Eric
Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "TADG"
<TADG.SWEENEY@N...> wrote:
> HI HERIB THANKS FOR THE INFO, ILL TRY IT NOW.
> THANKS AGAIN TADG
>
> -------Original Message-------
>
> From: Herbie
> Date: 01/29/05 20:08:49
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
> Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Iraq Broadcast
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> Regards,
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
>
> To visit your group on the web, go to:
> http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/
>
> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
> essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...
>
> Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the Yahoo! Terms of

Service.

336. THANKS FOR THE INFO ERIC

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-29 20:29:13 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 336 Message: 336

HI ERIC THANKS FOR THE INFO ILL TRY THIS SITE TONIGHT
ALL THE BEST TADG

337. Re; contest.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 07:44:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 337 Message: 337

I wonder if anybody could elaborate on the contest that is happening on 40metres.

I won't be in the shack until Sunday evening , is it still likely to be going by then? and also who is running it?

Best Wishes

Andrew

338. Kenwood R1000.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 07:56:44 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 338 Message: 338

Some of you may be aware that I was interested in obtaining a Kenwood/Trio R1000 receiver.

My bidding on Ebay was succesful and for the sum of £66.00 plus postage I now have one.

These radios were manufactured between 1979 and 1985 so my one must be at least 20 years old.
It is badged up as a Trio R1000 so I don't know if that suggests that it came off of the beginning of the production run.

Anyhow for its age its not in bad condition , a few cabinet scratches is all otherwise everything else lights up and works as it should.

The sound quality is nice and crisp and receive seems very good.

I particularly like the lighting up of the signal meter and the analogue tuning wheel.(there is a nice big picture of one of these radios on the 2nd page of "photos").

I have had an hour or so of play and am very impressed. If I had one criticism it is that the digital display doesn't go to tenths of Mhz , but never mind you can still fine tune in the old fashioned way before digital readouts came along.
This won't matter too much as I will be using it mainly for broadcast stations.

Anyhow I am more than happy to be breathing new life into an old bit of kit and it represents great value , a whole lot of radio for the price of a dozen or so packs of cigarettes (if you're a smoker , I'm not).

Best Wishes

Andrew

339. New Link added.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 08:09:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 339 Message: 339

With courtesy to the info provided by Taurusrockett (Eric) I have added the Martin Schoechi radio homepage to our list of links to make access that much easier.

Best Wishes

Andrew

340. Re: New Link added.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 09:05:37 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 339 Message: 340

Hello Andrew and All,
Thanks for Andrew, it is a handy little site.
Martin also has a Yahoo group, but it is only a page to notify a new bulletin is available on the main site. I do like the look of your new receiver.One thing that gets up my nose with most 'ham' gear is that it looks like inexpensive hifi gear, - thousand of lights and push buttons. Some folk like that sort of thing, but as far as I'm concerned I much prefer the simplicity as found in professional equipment. I have been watching and listening to the ham radio scene for more than 40 years, and without a doubt overall operating proficiency is in fast decline. Yes, I know this sounds like 'Eee, wen I wuz a lad... with Hovis music playing in the background, but not at all. I reckon the reason for this is that modern gear has every type of built-in 'assistance' that one can think of. TADG mentioned the other day that his latest purchase didn't have all the filters etc.. well, who needs them ?. The answer is obvious. It is those folk who rely on all the electronic aids to make listening as easy as operating a mobile phone. In other words they are not training their ears to filter out unwanted interference,therefore they will never become reasonably good operators, not in a million years. On the other hand this is a very diverse hobby and many people just want to listen to a station and can't be bothered making an effort to 'do it themselves'.The above is not a statement of right or wrong,- just an observation. Personally, I'm going in the other direction, and have just built a two transistor rf stage regenerative hf receiver and continuing work on a 500 milliwatt to 1 watt output 80m cw transmitter to go with it. No filters on this job and unstable as hell but no background hiss either, just plain fun.Masochism has never really appealed to me as a concept, but I'm sure that one can get no nearer to it than this. Yes, it takes all sorts - Eric --- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> make access that much easier.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

341. Good Receiver

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 10:52:22 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 341 Message: 341

Good morning to all,
If anyone is looking for a really good receiver look at item No. 5748203839 on ebay, I had one of these for over 20 years used it almost every day and can not speak too highly of the model, never missed a beat as they say, every bit as good a receiver as the write up says, have a look on eham reveiws for comments on this receiver, its one of those peices of equipment that I should never have sold but others things came first.
Regards to all, from quite a cool damp Walton on the Naze
Herbie.....G6XOU..

342. UBA Contest

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 11:20:28 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 342 Message: 342

Hi Andrew,
The UBA Contest is running from 13:00hz. Jan 29th. to 13:00hz. Jan 30th. on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 metres
It is run by a Belguim Group and has been going for longer than 25 years, logs to be sent this year to Carine Ramon ON7LX I usually have a little dabble every year just to give a few points to the competing stations.
A good site for Contest information is www.contesting.com/
then scroll down the left hand column to this weeks Contests where each Contest is laid out very clearly.
Having been a SWListner since the early 60s I go along with Erics comments all the way.
A few weeks ago I purchased a Kenwood TS570dge it has so many bells and whistles that I have not found my way all round it completely yet, not like the Collins gear that I had before.
Regards to all,
Herbie.....G6XOU.....

343. Cheers Herbie.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 17:56:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 343 Message: 343

Thanks for that information , unfortunately the night shift means that I have only just got up so it is obviously all over.

I will however take a look at contesting.com to make a note of future contests , I am at the stage where I just listen rather than send QSL's etc (still learning).

With regard to the JRC 525 I had a look and found another one as well. A bit like buses , nothing for ages then two come along at once.

I do like the look of the JRC radios , the later ones all get fantastic write ups in my huge SW receivers past & present book (see photos)but they are obviously hugely expensive also , even on the second hand market.

I do own 2 Kenwood R5000's and I sometimes wonder if it is even possible to get better value for money than they provide because for the money I paid they really do perform well.

I am at the stage where I think that future funds would pay more dividends by investing in different antenna systems rather than all singing all dancing radios.

For example for my VHF listening I am using a 0 to 2000 Mhz (allegedly) scanstick. It performs reasonably well considering my poor VHF location but it is wideband so on some frequencies it is not going to perform well and that is when I think that maybe I should invest in some frequency specific antennas or beams , although 'er indoors will not be overly impressed if the garden is turned into an antenna farm.

Best Wishes

Andrew

344. New Link added.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 18:10:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 303 Message: 344

Thanks to Herbie for mentioning WWW.Contseting.com , in order to make for easier access I have added it to our list of group links.

Best Wishes

Andrew

345. Martin Lynch & Sons.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 18:26:59 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 345 Message: 345

I was just having a browse at the website of the above mentioned emporium and decided to have a look in their links section.

They have quite a lot of interesting ones that members of the group might find interesting.

Just go to our "Links" for a quick route to Martin lynch & Sons.

I might even mail them and ask if they can add our little group to the list.

Best Wishes

Andrew

346. A Good Web Site

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-30 23:22:42 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 346 Message: 346

Hi all,
This site could well be of interest to one and all as the League cover the interests of Amateur both TX and SWListners, Broadcast Band listners, and Airband listners, has its own very swift QSL bureau and a very good monthly 50 page magazine, it promotes Contests, QSL addresses, also Awards for members and non members
www.iswl.org.uk
Regards,
Herbie.....

347. Re: UBA Contest

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-31 00:43:44 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 342 Message: 347

Hello All,
Thanks for the comments Herbie. Yes, the JRC stuff is
very nice indeed. There is one receiver that I have taken a shine to
and that is the Palstar R30CC. They are not available in this
country,so it would mean purchasing on the Continet. Good thinking
Andrew. After all, with a receiver such as your SW55,or even an
inferior model, -but with a bfo, plus a 1 watt hf transmitter it is
possible, given good conditions, to communicate worldwide. The thing
is though, the aerial has to be up to it otherwise no go,a good tx
aerial is also a good rx aerial,- it says it all really. As regards
certain aerials for certain freqs, it depends what you wish to
listen to, there are low visibility aerials available, -there's
always a way. Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Herbie" <herbert@k...>
wrote:
>
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> yet, not like the Collins gear that I had before.
> Regards to all,
> Herbie.....G6XOU.....

348. i.s.w.l.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-31 09:00:07 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 348 Message: 348

Hi all,
As a further to my last posting if anyone is interested in more info
on the I.S.W.L. I have some last years Monitor magazines, quite happy
to post off one to anyone, please contact me via herbert@...
Regards,
Herbie.....

349. Chopper Freq's - missing!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-31 22:23:07 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 349 Message: 349

Hello there.
I noticed from your reply to, "Bill", that he sent you some helicopter frequencies.
I seem to have missed this post or may have deleted it by accident when digging out spam - Would you be a geezer and forard the list to me?
I'd be very grateful.
Many thanks.
Lou

350. Fwd: Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Army Helicopters ??.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-01-31 23:06:28 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 350 Message: 350

Hope this is usefull

Regards

Bill

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill Smith
<wes62d@y...> wrote:
Over your way in Essex, the helicopters could be from
any of the following:
Wattisham (large Army base in Suffolk)sorry no
Apachies, mainly Lynx, Gazelle and the occasional Sea
King (RAF SAR)
Frequencies:
358.600
291.125
283.575
356.175
359.825
340.125
252.900 AAC Air to Air
247.000 as above
249.900 as above
243.000 Nato Guard - always monitored - emergencies
242.075
268.875
293.425
299.975 London Mil East

or

RAF Odiham (main RAF helicopter base) Chinook or Lynx
372.500
309.625
315.975
386.775
276.175
300.450
385.400 NATO Radar Common
300.800 NATO Low Level
312.000
282.250
252.900 AAC Air to Air
293.625 Support Helicopter Ops
268.825
315.750

259.875
279.350

Dishforth (up here in Yorkshire) Mainly Lynx, Gazelle
and now the Apache

135.975
125.000
379.675
259.825
130.100
375.375
252.900 AAC Air to Air

Middle Wallop (Hampshire - AAC training establisment
Lynx, Gazelle, Apache, Islander, etc)

243.500
312.000
253.900
275.400
118.275
252.900 AAC Air to Air
241.675
282.250
364.825
312.675

Mildenhall (US 252 Special Ops - MH53M)

149.650
142.650
149.550
247.225
340.425
372.275

I'd put all of the Mildenhall in the scanning bank

Also try the following London Control frequencies for
the transmitter site at Chedburgh near Buy St Edmunds

118.475
126.600
127.100
127.825
128.125
128.700 London Military
132.600
133.325 London Military
133.450
233.800 London Military (Very active fast jets etc)

263.075 London Military east
292.600 As above

As you can see, there are a lot to choose from. I would start with the ones that I have put a note against and the Mildenhall ones. Let the group know how you get on.

Cheers

Bill

_____
ALL-NEW Yahoo! Messenger - all new features - even more fun!
http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com
--- End forwarded message ---

351. Diary Date 20/02/2005 -- Timely reminder.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-02 16:23:55 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 351 Message: 351

Now that we are into February I thought it would be an appropriate moment to issue a reminder of the forthcoming Stevenage radio show on Sunday 20th February.

This is quite a big show and is the one that took up the mantle when the London Amateur radio show ceased to be at the Picketts Lock venue 2 0r 3 years back.

I think this is the second time it has been held at Stevenage , it is a great venue and is very easy to get to by rail and by car. If you go on the train a footbridge comes out of the station straight into the venue.

For all the information that you will need just open up the "Links" and you will find a website cpmpletely dedicated to the show , alternatively the February issue of Shortwave Magaine also has all the details in the rallies section.

These shows are obviously aimed at licensed amateurs , however there is always loads of stuff there of equal interest to listeners as well. I have always found them useful places to pick up bits and pieces , connectors , aerials , secondhand kit , books etc.....

The usual stands there are RSGB , Martin Lynch & Sons , Waters & Stanton , Sandpiper aerials , Moonraker aerials the bring and buy stand great for picking up or offloading second hand kit , and many others , just have a look at the website.

Even if I don't buy much I will do my best to get there because I feel it is important to support the efforts of all those who go to the trouble of staging these events for what some may say is a declining hobby.

Best Wishes

Andrew

352. Another Radio show.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-02 16:30:09 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 352 Message: 352

For those who cannot wait until 20/2/2005 for the Stevenage show , there is a rally on Canvey Island in Essex this coming Sunday 6th February.

I can't get to this one, however if you would like to go full details are in the February issue of Shortwave magazine and if my memory serves me correctly possibly in the events section of The Waters & Stanton website.

Best Wishes

Andrew

353. Aerial book

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-03 22:11:15 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 353 Message: 353

Hello All,
Now here's a really good buy, and a good read.
http://www.gqrp.com then go to Club Sales, scroll down to books.
The G-QRP Antenna Handbook. No hi-tech stuff here,no pretty photos,
just kitchen table jobs made by the members. All kinds of aerials
including vhf and simple aerial tuners that can be knocked together
with parts salvaged from a 50p car boot 1970's tranny radio and bits
of wire. A book for the minimalist, and for £6.50 they're giving it
away. Of course, it ain't compulsory to actually make summat, it's
just very interesting to see what can be done for next to nothing as
compared to buying commercial gear.This would be one of my Desert
Island book choices. Eric

354. Telephones & Scanning.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-05 08:00:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 354 Message: 354

Back in 1997 I aqquired my first scanner , a Realistic 2004 and a nice little radio it was too.

Back then mobile phones were pre-digital and all on the old analogue system and somewhere around 800 to 1000 mhz there were literally hundreds of phone calls that could be heard at any one time.
Those days are however gone , in fact I don't know if the analogue mobile phone network is still in use.

Anyhow on fiddling about with one of my second hand Realistic Pro 2042 scanner's this afternoon I came across some analogue phone calls that were already stored in the memory banks by a previous user.
Reference to one of my scanning books indicated that I was listening to about 1 of 8 channels in use on 31 mhz. They are obviously analogue cordless phone systems that are presumably close buy as I was picking them up on the set top whip.

I wonder if any other members know of any other analogue telephone frequencies or are these the only ones left?

Best Wishes

Andrew

355. re 31megs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-05 15:16:39 UTC
From: Peter Mallett
Topic: 355 Message: 355

Hi Andrew re 31 megs...

31.037.5
31.062.5
31.112.5
31.137.5
31.187.5
31.212.5
31.162,5
I think these are all walkabout base phones
they come to life every now and again

all the best.....Peter

356. Re: re 31megs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-05 18:33:49 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 355 Message: 356

See msg nr. 129, Dec.16th. Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Peter Mallett"
<pmallett@d...> wrote:
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> Hi Andrew re 31 megs...
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>
> all the best.....Peter

357. Re: re 31megs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-05 18:39:24 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 355 Message: 357

Also use 5khz tuning or you'll miss half of the transmissions. Eric--
- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
>
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> > all the best.....Peter

358. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Digest Number 62

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-05 19:52:20 UTC
From: Chloe Newsome
Topic: 358 Message: 358

Hiya,

Not sure it's legal but I found some great information
on that sort of thing here: -

http://www.roydan.btinternet.co.uk/pages/scanning/pages/scanning.htm

It's good to knock off about 20Db if scanning for this
sort of stuff using an external antenna.

I think this is pretty much about it, there are some
long distance analogue home phone frequencies knocking
about but they are dead.

Chloe

--- essex_shortwave_scanning@... wrote:

>
> There is 1 message in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. Telephones & Scanning.....
> From: "essex_shortwave_scanning"
> <essexshortwavescanning@...>
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> Message: 1
> Date: Sat, 05 Feb 2005 08:00:30 -0000
> From: "essex_shortwave_scanning"
> <essexshortwavescanning@...>
> Subject: Telephones & Scanning.....
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> Back in 1997 I aqquired my first scanner , a
> Realistic 2004 and a
> nice little radio it was too.
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> Back then mobile phones were pre-digital and all on
> the old analogue
> system and somewhere around 800 to 1000 mhz there

> were literally
> hundreds of phone calls that could be heard at any
> one time.
> Those days are however gone , in fact I don't know
> if the analogue
> mobile phone network is still in use.
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> Anyhow on fiddling about with one of my second hand
> Realistic Pro
> 2042 scanner's this afternoon I came across some
> analogue phone
> calls that were already stored in the memory banks
> by a previous
> user.
> Reference to one of my scanning books indicated that
> I was listening
> to about 1 of 8 channels in use on 31 mhz. They are
> obviously
> analogue cordless phone systems that are presumably
> close buy as I
> was picking them up on the set top whip.
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> I wonder if any other members know of any other
> analogue telephone
> frequencies or are these the only ones left?
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/
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essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...
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Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail - Helps protect you from nasty viruses.
http://promotions.yahoo.com/new_mail

359. Thanks to all members re; 31 mhz

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-06 08:01:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 359 Message: 359

Thankyou to all the members who have made replies with regard to my rediscovery of activity on 31mhz.

It was really quite by accident as it has been some while since I earwigged any phone activity.

Its all been very interesting.

Best Wishes

Andrew

360. Welcome to all the latest members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-06 08:07:46 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 360 Message: 360

A warm welcome to the new members to our group.

bfnsi(Emma)
G1RBZ
CaptainSimon2002

I hope you enjoy the group , there are loads of archive messages and lots of links to great websites.

Best Wishes

Andrew

361. Shack photo's.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-06 08:14:35 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 361 Message: 361

I was having a look through our photo section and thought it would be a nice idea to take a leaf out of Tadg's book and place a photo or two of my shack for all to see.

However I am a non digital camera owner so you will need to give me a few days to get Dad to take some snaps for me on his camera and e-mail them back to me.(I really must get one of these soon - any recommendations??)

If any other members would like to show off their listening/transmission havens then please feel free to stick them in the album at your leisure.

Best Wishes

Andrew

362. Welcome to our latest members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-06 07:58:40 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 362 Message: 362

A warm welcome to the latest members to join our group.....

bfnsi (Emma)
G1RBZ
CaptainSimon2002

I hope you enjoy the group you will see that there is a large message archive and loads of links to great websites.

Best Wishes

Andrew

363. New Member

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-07 10:42:10 UTC
From: nighter1973
Topic: 363 Message: 363

Hi All

Just joined the group, and from the posts I have seen so far this looks like a damn good group to be a member of.

I live in S.Wales but enjoy monitoring HF, fairly new to the hobby only been monitoring HF for about 6 months, but have been a scanner enthuastist for over 12 years.

I currently have an AOR 8200 MK3, with a long wire antenna, but hope to upgrade the antenna later this year (Pennies allowing)

I look forward to some interesting posts.

Thanks

Dave

364. Welcome Nighter1973.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-07 17:56:42 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 364 Message: 364

Welcome to the group.....David I think I saw on your e-mail address.

I hope you find it a useful group I can tell you now that we have a lot of very knowledgable members on here who have already given me lots of good advice and information as I am a relative novice also.

With regard to your AOR 8200 you have there what I would consider to be one of the best handheld scanners that money can buy.

When I started off I had (still have) an AOR8000 but I soon learn't that for shortwave listening these radios are limited in their sensitivity at such low frequencies.

You can purchase in line boxes and gizzmos to improve the situation but I don't think thay are a substitute for a dedicated HF receiver.

I don't know if all group members would agree with me but rather than upgrade the antenna straight away as a long wire is already a good HF reception aid , I would possibly go down the route of obtaining a dedicated base HF receiver.

As an example I have recently picked up for about £70.00 a second hand Trio/Kenwood R1000 (see photo section) and it is an old but excellent HF unit.

Anyhow stay tuned to the group as I am sure loads of members will be able to help you out if you request any advice or information.

Best Wishes

Andrew

365. Welcome to our latest 2 members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-09 03:20:43 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 365 Message: 365

dduck_martin & Jazzoman198666 have joined our group.

Welcome aboard I hope you enjoy it.

Best Wishes

Andrew

366. Shack Photo's.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-09 03:24:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 366 Message: 366

As mentioned previously I have added some pictures of my Shack to the "photo's" section.

My shack is a dark old hole with no windows so when you view them it will probably be best to click on the "full size" option , my apologies in advance for those members not using broadband.

Anyhow there they are on the second page of photographs.

Best Wishes

Andrew.

367. Attention!! .... all members....possible bargain to be had.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-09 16:23:23 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 367 Message: 367

I would draw your attention to an item up for grabs on Ebay.

The item number is 5749960830 and it is a copy of a book that I recently paid about £25-30 for direct from the SWM bookstore.

Someone is selling one that has so far attracted no bids.

The book is the huge "Shortwave receivers past & present" and is an absolutely essential guide for anyone interested in SW radio. It is about the size of a Maplin electronics catalogue and just as thick with nice glossy pages of write ups , ratings and photographs of almost every SW receiver that has been manufactured over the last half century.

There is a photo of this book on the first page of our group "photos" section.

It is a book I would strongly recommend and if you can save about £15-20 on the "new" price I would suggest it is a bargain.

Best Wishes

Andrew

368. MSG FOR ANDREW REF THE PHOTO/31 MEGS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-09 19:42:32 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 368 Message: 368

HI ANDREW NICE TO SEE THE HIDDING PLACE,IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME
VERY NICE BITS OF KIT, I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE OTHER
MEMBERS IN THE GROUP DID THE SAME AND PUT PICS OF THERE SHACK AND
KIT ON THE SITE, COME ON GUYS LETS SEE YOUR KIT.
WITH REF TO 31 MEGS HAVE YOU HAD A LOOK AT 1.7 MEGS AT LEAST I THINK
ITS THAT BEST TRY 1.4-1.8 IVE HEARD PHONE CALLS AROUND THIS FREQ.ITS
THE SAME AS 31MEGS (AS IN LOCAL STUFF)BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS I DO
LOVE HAVING AN EAR WIG AT THE LOCALS GOING ON ABOUT THIS AND THAT,
SO NEXT TIME YOU ARE AROUND THAT FERQ HAVE A GO AND TRY AND FIND
THEM.
ALSO I HAVE JUST GOT A NEW BIT OF KIT FOR THE TRUCK, ITS A YAESU
857D COVERS LOADS HF/VHF/UHF/FM BRODCAST ETC SO I CAN GET BACK TO A
BIT OF TX/RX AT WORK, THANK THE LORD FOR HP, ALSO I PICKED UP A
LITTLE AM/FM/SW RADIO,BRAND NEW IN THE PACKET WAS £29.99 MINE FOR A
TENNER CANT BE BAD, ITS ONLY A CHEEP EE BUT WORKS WELL I WILL PUT
SOME PHOTOS ON LATER,
HI TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS AND THE OLDER ONES
DONT FORGET GUYS GET THE PHOTOS OF YOUR GEAR ON THE SITE
ALL THE BEST
TADG999

369. More new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-10 16:00:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 369 Message: 369

Welcome to Curzport and CharityUK2000

I hope you enjoy the group.

Please take the time to view our message archives and links to loads of great websites.

Best Wishes

Andrew

370. HF RX Recommendations please...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-11 22:20:39 UTC
From: Ian Hand
Topic: 370 Message: 370

Hi,
I've just joined this forum.For many years I owned a Lafayette
HA350 which was an amateur band only receiver.It servred me well from
1979 to about 1992 when I bought my first house and the RX ended up
in my garage,my wife thought that it didn't match the decor.
I am looking for a more general coverage receiver.Should I go for a
Yaesu FRG 7 ,a Trio R1000 or what do you recommend?

Thanks,
Ian G1DRP

371. Welcome to the group Ian.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-12 08:29:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 371 Message: 371

Welcome aboard Ian , I hope you are enjoying the group so far.

I would like to start by alerting your attention to message number 367 in the messages archive because if you are in the market for an HF receiver , whatever age it maybe, then that is the essential guide book to have.

I have no personal experience of Yaesu receivers but as the owner of a Trio(Kenwood)R1000 I can certainly vouch for that.

Obviously it will depend on what you want to listen to , but from what I can see the market for newly made HF receivers is very quiet apart from the Japan Radio Company, but no matter as there is loads of good aging kit out there to be had, and some at very favourable prices.

I have a number of different receivers (See Andrew's Shack Photo's) and they are all secondhand and at least 7/8 years old and older.

I am sure the other group members will be happy to offer advice on what they think would be a good HF radio to go for.

Best Wishes

Andrew

372. Receivers

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-12 10:04:12 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 372 Message: 372

Hi,
Obviously it does depend to a certain extent on what one wants to listen too and also haow deep the pocket is.
Whilst being no authority on Yaesu Receivers at all, I have had one or two amonst other makes.
The Yaesu FRG-7700 is a good straight forward to operate entry digital readout receiver, production of this model I believe finished around 1982, you will find them on ebay quite often. if you are lucky you will also find the FRT-7700 ATU the FRV-7700 VHF module, there are also other items to go with this range
The clarity from this receiver would stand up well with a lot of todays receivers.
I had one of the last off the production line, had it for 15 years it never missed a beat, then sold it on missed it so much that I have just purchased another off ebay got the ATU and filter now looking for the other accessories to go with it.
If you have a little deeper pocket then the JRC NRD-5++ are are good range as well, I ran an NRD-525 side by side with the FRT-7700 for some time the former had more bells and whistles and the digital readout went to at least 2 more decimal points, but at the end of the day staions I could hear on the 525 I could also hear on the 7700 no matter how weak they were, using the same antenna of course.
Although not digital readout the FRG-7 is also a good receiver.
Hope this is of a little help.
All the best,
Herbie

373. Re: Receivers

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-12 12:30:33 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 372 Message: 373

Hello All,
Welcome Ian. Andrew is spot-on. Specifications etc. of
various receivers are all well and good, the thing is though that
you will be looking at this machine daily, and 'fondling' it, for
maybe a long time to come. In my view the best bet is to do as
Andrew advises and get the book, or failing that trawl through
RigPix. The book would be a far better bet of course, and it
certainly won't be money down the drain. The point I'm making is
that you will need to feel happy operating the radio and will need a
piece of equipment whose looks fit into your personality. Some folk
like small buttons and switches,some like big tuning knobs, some
prefer military style looking stuff, and some like apparatus that
will match the wallpaper... So the way I would go is to look at the
pics, sort out the ones you would be happy to look at and use each
day, and then have a look at the specs., then aks yourself, - 'would
I be happy to wake up with this?' Happy hunting Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Herbie" <herbert@k...>
wrote:
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> matter how weak they were, using the same antenna of course.
> Although not digital readout the FRG-7 is also a good receiver.
> Hope this is of a little help.
> All the best,
> Herbie

374. Longwire Receiving aerials.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-12 21:48:33 UTC
From: Steve
Topic: 374 Message: 374

Hello All,
As my Tx aerials all blew down at the beginning of Jan.
I've filled by time as a SWL and have an horizontal'L' running into a receiving balun.
Question:- would there be any benefit from giving a purely horizontal long wire a vertical element . This could either be at the end or anywhere along its length?. Would the signals received interfere with those from the horizontal element if fitted at the receiver end?.I have a handily place 30ft tree at this end.
If this is a 'suck it and see' situation I'll attempt some measurements and post them in the future.
All comments will be gratefully received.
SteveP.

375. MSG FOR STEVE REF LONG WIRE

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-12 23:18:55 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 375 Message: 375

HI STEVE WITH REF TO YOUR LONG WIRE ANT FITTING A VERT WIRE WOULD NOT DO ANY HARM,AND MAY BE A BIT BETTER, BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON WOT YOU WANT TO RX IE SSB/AM/FM ETC THE BEST THING ABOUT VERT IT CUTS OUT A LOT OF QRM/QRN BUT YOU DO LOSE A BIT ON THE S METER I USED TO RUN A LONG WIRE THAT WENT HORZ/VERT/DIAGNAL ALL AT THE SAME TIME,I RUN THIS ANTENNA ON A 101ZD AND IT PULLED IN SIG VERY WELL. BUT WITH FM RX I ALLWAYS FOUND VERT BEST BUT SSB AND AM I WOULD ALLWAYS GO FOR HORZ,BUT LIKE I WAS TOLD BY MY HAM MATES YOU CANT BEAT ONE CUT TO SIZE WIRE FOR EACH BAND,THIS IS ALLWAYS THE BEST,AND AS A GUIDE IF YOUR WIRE IS LOW TO THE GROUND (ABOUT 3 FT) YOU WILL PULL IN DX FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD,BUT IF YOU WANT TO HERE THE UK AND THE WORLD YOU SHOULD BE AT LEAST 20-30FT HIGH, THE ONLY THING I WOULD TELL EVERONE TO GET IS AN MANUALE ATU THIS ARE VERY CHEEP AND WILL TRIM YOUR WIRE TO THE BAND YOU ARE WORKING THIS WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE , I HOPE THIS HELPS BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES KEEP TRYING ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS OF RUNING YOUR WIRE ITS THE FUN OF THE HOBBIE
ALL THE BEST
TADG999

376. Tadg.....question re;HF wire aerials.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-13 16:47:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 376 Message: 376

Tadg , I have my eye on another new (but old-if you know what I mean) SW receiver.

Now both of my commercial receivers are hooked up to an RF systems mini-windom MTA mounted in the loft. They run via an RF systems SW combiner and work very well.

If I get this new radio which will be for commercial SW listening I might be interested in making up my own long wire antenna , but I have no experience in this field.

I understand that a manual atu will be required for tuning to different wavelengths , but I was interested about what you said re-the mounting of an antenna just above the ground for world DX.

That idea appeals to me as I could maybe run it around the garden perimeter and have it disguised by the flower beds.

What do you think?

Does it have to run straight?

My garden perimeter is more circular than rectangle.

Is the construction simply a wire connected to the wire terminal of the receiver?

I understand that rubber isolators may need to be employed at some points.

What would the interference , static etc be like?

The Wellbrook loop on my Kenwood's has a ridiculously low level of interference , virtually non-existant.

Best Wishes

Andrew

377. MSG FOR ANDREW REF HF LONG WIRE

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-13 22:03:20 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 377 Message: 377

HI ANDREW HOPE YOU ARE WELL
THE LONG WIRE , IF YOU RUN THIS AROUND THE GARDEN AT LOW LEVEL THIS
WILL CUT OUT A LOT OF LOCAL STUFF (ie UK/IRELAND ETC)BUT YOU WILL
PICK UP DX VERY WELL,AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER THAN THE LOFT ANTENNA THE
SHAPE OF YOUR GARDEN WOULD MAKE A GOOD DX LOOP AS FOR THE INSULATOR
I ALWAYS USE PVC COATED WIRE AND DO AWAY FOR THE NEED OF AN INSULATOR
AS YOU WELL KNOW YOU DONT HAVE TO USE TOP OF THE RANGE WIRE AS IN
MULTISTRAND ETC, THE WIRE I USED TO MAKE RX ANTENNAS IS ANY OLD
STUFF THAT IS AT HAND. I WOULD RUN IT AROUND THE GARDEN, JOIN IT UP
TAKE ONE FEED WIRE FROM THE SHACK JOIN TO THE LOOP AND PLUG AND
PLAY, AS WELL AS THE LOOP THE FEED WIRE ACTS AS A VERT. JUST ONE
THING IF YOU DO GET AN ATU DONT FORGET TO RUN AN RF EARTH,AGAIN A
SINGEL WIRE FROM THE BACK OF THE ATU DOWN TO A STAEK IN THE GARDEN
ABOUT 3FT LONG AND DRIVE INTO THE GROUND,IF YOU DONT WANT TO PAY THE
10-20 POUNDS FOR THE STEAK A BIT OF 15 OR 22mm COPPER PIPE IS JUST
AS GOOD. AS FOR THE NOISE YES IT WILL PICK UP SOME BUT LIKE I
ALLWAYS SAY IF YOU WANT TO CUT OUT THE QRM/QRN GO VERT AND LOSE A
BIT ON THE S METER.
HOPE THIS HELPS ALL THE BEST
TADG

378. Aerial/Antenna information database

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-14 05:11:42 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 378 Message: 378

All you'll ever need to know about aerials and a lot more besides - Check out this:

http://users.pandora.be/educypedia/electronics/antennes.htm

There's even a big section on 11 Metre, (CB) Aerials.

Best.
Lou

379. Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 03:13:23 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 379 Message: 379

How long should the long wire be?

Is there a maximum or minimum length?

I am also considering putting up another RF systems MTA mini-windom possibly outside this time , or do you think a long wire would be better.

I am more interested in world DX than UK for this new radio.

Best Wishes

Andrew

380. Re: Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 06:33:05 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 379 Message: 380

An ordinary piece of wire in any configuration, vertical, horizontal - anything is going to be crap. If bits of wire are so great how come professional installations spend sometimes millions on real aerials, -are they stupid ? -no. For domestic hobby use you already have a suitable set-up, - your Wellbrook. I don't know about the RF systems job but being aware of their pedigree I would imagine it is ok and designed for the job. Eric --- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:

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> possibly outside this time , or do you think a long wire would be
> better.
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> I am more interested in world DX than UK for this new radio.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

381. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Cheers Tadg.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 11:16:02 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 379 Message: 381

In a message dated 15/02/05 03:14:39 GMT Standard Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

How long should the long wire be?

As long as possible as high as possible.

The results of overload on a receiver with poor dynamic range, (what are you
going to use?), are easier to deal with than not having much from a dodgy
aerial in the first place.

Remember; if there's a high wind blowing and you're not wringing your hands
and worrying about the aerials, they AREN'T high enough or long enough!

Cheers.

Lou

382. I've finally bought a receiver...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 12:01:59 UTC
From: Ian Hand
Topic: 382 Message: 382

Hi All,

Thanks for your previous comments.I bought a Trio 9R-59D on eBay for £51.It has a couple of mods,one of which is a 100KHz crystal calibrator.
It's not the most sensitive receiver but it seems to be very stable,which is amazing considering the string driven tuning arrangement.
I intend on replacing all of the valves in the RF stages and taking it into work so that I can give it a full alignment.
It's a pleasure to use and the bandspread facility is a must for fine-tuning SSB transmissions.
My intention is to buy an R1000, or similar, at a later date.First I must get my ageing car through its MOT!
This weekend I'll sort out a better aerial and find a "good" earth so things can only get better from here!

Best wishes,
Ian (Stoke-on-Trent)

383. Cheers Eric & others for Antenna advice.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 13:29:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 383 Message: 383

I hear what you are saying with regard to the Wellbrook , Eric.

I have however already got two Kenwood R5000's running off of that at the same time and on my mini-windom I already have my Panasonic dr b 600 and Kenwood R1000 running at the same time off of that.

I am using on both antennas an RF systems professional combiner (see photo's page 1) that is dedicated for HF use.

My knowledge and experience doesn't yet know of another way of hooking up more than two receivers at the same time to the same antenna.

As an example I might listen to a net on 80metres on one of my R5000's whilst continuing to tune around on the other and the same applies for my other two receivers.

With the new receiver that as yet I may or may not get I was curious as to wether it would be worth experimenting with another type of antenna.

Such is the performance of my Wellbrook loop that I would love to hook them all up at once to it, but I don't know if that is possible.

Best Wishes

Andrew

384. Well Done Ian.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 13:33:01 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 384 Message: 384

Congragulations on the new receiver.

By the sound of it it seems that you know the right direction to go with a set of screwdrivers , at this end I wouldn't dare undo the case screws on any of my radios.

I,m like a car driver , I can make it go and do all the right things but wouldn't want to get under the bonnet.

Best Wishes

Andrew

385. STEVENAGE RADIO SHOW.....This Sunday 10.00 til 16.00

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 13:37:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 385 Message: 385

Don't forget chaps that this Sunday is the Stevenage Radio show starting at 10.00am

If you go to the "Links" section you will find a dedicated website giving you all the information that you will need.

I will be going - not intending to buy anything- but you never know what you might come home with.

Best Wishes

Andrew

386. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Cheers Eric & others for Antenna advice.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 14:42:21 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 386 Message: 386

In a message dated 15/02/05 13:33:17 GMT Standard Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

My knowledge and experience doesn't yet know of another way of
hooking up more than two receivers at the same time to the same
antenna.

Check this out.
I got one of his VHF splitters, works fine.
Took about two weeks to arrive.
Cheers.
Lou

http://www.stridsberg.com/index.htm (http://www.stridsberg.com/index.htm)

387. MSG FOR ERIC REF HF LONG WIRE COMMENTS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 16:47:01 UTC
From: TADG
Topic: 387 Message: 387

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ALL THE BEST
TADG

388. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] MSG FOR ERIC REF HF LONG WIRE COMMENTS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 17:09:53 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 387 Message: 388

In a message dated 15/02/05 16:56:08 GMT Standard Time,
TADG.SWEENEY@... writes:

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TX AND
RX AND WILL HAVE TO HANDEL A VAST AMOUNT OF POWER AND HAVE A VERY
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IF YOU HAVE EVER HAD A GO AT WORKING WITH HOME BREW WIRE RX
ANTENNAS,BUT MABEY YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY BEFORE YOU PASS
COMMENTS.....
Just for your info; when you send internet messages in UPPER CASE, it means
that you're SHOUTING.
All you have to do is press, "Caps Lock" to change it around.

Cheers.

Lou

389. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Digest Number 71

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-15 22:09:21 UTC
From: Chloe Newsome
Topic: 389 Message: 389

Hiya,

I spoke to my maths teacher about this and he said
that an aerial is always half a wave long for the
frequency you want to transmit or receive on. So if
you want to prepare an aerial length ideal for 40m for
example goto this link.

http://www.csgnetwork.com/antennagenericfreqlencalc.html

Then type 7.5 in the frequency box.

It performs the calc 234/f

which = 62.4

From there on its upto you which sort of aerial you
construct, I like the inverted vee cos its basically
one earth and one centre going into a high point.
mainly because I libe in a terrace and only have a
small yard.

I really reckon having the right length of wire
improves reception especially if conditions are poor.

Cheers ... Milla

--- essex_shortwave_scanning@... wrote:

>
> There are 2 messages in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. Cheers Tadg.....
> From: "essex_shortwave_scanning"
> <essexshortwavescanning@...>
> 2. Re: Cheers Tadg.....
> From: "Eric" <taurusrockett@...>
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> Message: 1

> Date: Tue, 15 Feb 2005 03:13:23 -0000
> From: "essex_shortwave_scanning"
> <essexshortwavescanning@...>
> Subject: Cheers Tadg.....
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> How long should the long wire be?
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> Is there a maximum or minimum length?
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> I am also considering putting up another RF systems
> MTA mini-windom
> possibly outside this time , or do you think a long
> wire would be
> better.
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> I am more interested in world DX than UK for this
> new radio.
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew
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> Message: 2
> Date: Tue, 15 Feb 2005 06:33:05 -0000
> From: "Eric" <taurusrockett@...>
> Subject: Re: Cheers Tadg.....
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> An ordinary piece of wire in any configuration,
> vertical,
> horizontal - anything is going to be crap. If bits
> of wire are so
> great how come professional installations spend
> sometimes millions
> on real aerials, -are they stupid ? -no. For
> domestic hobby use you
> already have a suitable set-up, - your Wellbrook. I
> don't know
> about the RF systems job but being aware of their
> pedigree I would

> imagine it is ok and designed for the job. Eric ---
> In
> essex_shortwave_scanning@...,
> "essex_shortwave_scanning
> " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

390. Hf Antenna's .....Differences of opinion.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 03:06:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 390 Message: 390

Well chap's I have just been reading the latest messages with regard to HF antenna systems.

With my initial queries I just wanted to educate myself a little further and hopefully not open up a Hornet's nest of black or white opinions.

So to bring things back down to a more light hearted note I realise that the mix of group members is SWL's and Licensed operators which is all too the good.

The group is primarily aimed towards listening so as far as antenna systems are concerned we are more likely to be concerned with howfar and what they will pick up as opposed to how far they might transmit or what power they can handle.

The antenna's that I am using are all factory built and thus far I haven't made anything myself.
I would imagine that making something yourself that actually works is very satisfying , I know that I have felt proud that my antenna's work just because I wired up the coax connectors properly or bolted brackets on the wall that stood up to the strain of a 45 foot scaffold pole in high winds.

Therefore I appreciate that there will be a lot of different opinions on ready made big bucks Vs cheap and cheeerful homebrew experimentation.

It is great to hear all of the views and all of us can take what we want from the information on offer , but at the end of the day let's keep it light hearted and accept that we are not all going to agree on all aspects of the hobby.

Its all useful info whatever the opinion for helping me decide how best to set up the "ears" on my next receiver.

Best Wishes

Andrew

391. Re: MSG FOR ERIC REF HF LONG WIRE COMMENTS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 06:30:16 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 387 Message: 391

Hello TADG and All,
Thanks for the letter. Firstly TADG please do not
take any of my comments in a personal way at all. I deal in facts
only. Also the question of cost does not come into these
discussions, we are talking about the merits or otherwise of various
systems and not personal financial circumstances. So let's stay with
hard facts only. Yes a wire is the oldest,first widely used by
shipping, where they work just fine. I know they work at sea as I
was a chief radio officer at sea on ships of all types and
nationalities for over a decade, but a vertical was better.
Professional communications installations spend vast sums of money
on aerials simply because the installation has to work at it
optimum. It is a life and death matter, not a hobby. The hf rx
aerials alone can cover many, many acres of ground. A similar story
with the tx site. Remember,- if you can't hear it you can't work it.
I am fully conversant with these matters as I worked again as a
radio officer for 20 years at the UK's one and only Long Range hf
communications centre, which was also the worlds largest
installation of that type. As regards hobby radio, I want the best
equipment that is available to me for my needs. I don't want third
rate.I'm not particularly interested in listening to interference.
Yes, I have tried working with homebrew rx aerials, also tx aerials.
I started 'experimenting'with wires in 1956 with a homebrew crystal
set and continue to think up various configurations, - some folk do
crosswords, -I do aerials. So I am hardly a novice in that area.
Radio amateurs are exactly that. Amateurs. Yes, they do spend money
on fancy rigs and 'make-do' with a bit of wire. Being amateurs they
don't realise that the most important item in any communications set-
up is the aerial. Rather like the beiginner in photography buying
the most expensive Nikon available thinking it will suddenly
transform him into a great photographer, not realising that top
selling photos can be taken with a Brownie box camera.In other words
they don't understand and have no grasp of the basics, not all of
them of course. This is why modern rqadios have all kinds of 'aids',
filters,DSP and all the rest of it. Simply because most people don't
have a clue about radio operating in general, - they have skipped
the basics. Many good companies have abandoned the 'ham' market
because of the attitude(stupid) of that market. Along with my
professional radiocommunication qualifications I have also held an
amateur licence for 40 years. Getting back to bits of wire. Yes,
fine for ships and open country miles from anywhere. No good for
towns or any household with a mains supply or telephone. These being
in noise which a plain wire aerial is going to pick up, never mind
tv's computers etc.. Things have changed and old-tech is not good
enough unless one wants to listen to interference. Many types of low

noise aerials are available commercially and some can be homebrewed for not too much expenditure. The point is do folk have the time and interest to homebrew, are they even capable of using a soldering iron. If not, then the only route is to buy commercially or put up a simple wire and suffer the consequences. I use a loop for rx. Having said all that, trying out different things is a great education and is to be applauded, in Andrews case I know he is a busy family man,working nights etc. so I would imagine the last thing he wants to do is spend hours making and rigging wires. Eric--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "TADG"
<TADG.SWEENEY@N...> wrote:
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392. Useful web site maybe

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 14:19:44 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 392 Message: 392

Hi all,
Now that hopefully all the toing and froing has died down we can get back to what I had believed this site was originally set up for, the enclosed address will lead you to a site that maybe will give you some useful/helpful data.
www.sherweng.com receiver test data.
then click on receiver test data, but there is quite a bit of other useful data on the site as well.
Regards,
From a very cold Walton on the Naze.
Herbie....

393. Re: Hf Antenna's .....Differences of opinion.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 18:41:02 UTC
From: mrfheoughepgh
Topic: 390 Message: 393

Agree totally.
If antenna solutions were simple the 'Arrl Antenna Book' would not be an inch thick!
There must be at least as many antenna designs as models of radios ever produced. Is there a best design? yes, the always the next one you are going to install!!! Just as tomorrow never arrives there is always another design to try!!

Regards and keep experimenting...

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> experimentation.
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394. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Digest Number 72

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 18:54:26 UTC
From: Chloe Newsome
Topic: 394 Message: 394

This has to be a flamer: -

"So let's stay with hard facts only.

I know they work at sea as I was a chief radio officer
at sea on ships of all types and
nationalities for over a decade.

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again as a
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the basics.

Many good companies have abandoned the 'ham' market
because of the attitude(stupid) of that market.

Along with my
professional radiocommunication qualifications I have
also held an
amateur licence for 40 years.

Are they even capable of using a soldering
iron

in Andrews case I know he is a busy family
man,working nights etc. so I would imagine the last

thing he wants
to do is spend hours making and rigging wires"

Tadg you are a prat. I think your forgot to mention this while you were trying to big up your sad existence to the people on this list who enjoy the hobby of SW listening. Your pittyful little speech didn't offer any advice or any enjoyment to me. I can quite understand why HAM radio is witnessing a demise and companies pulled out of the market with people like you about.

I am seriously hoping that this post is a flamer and that I've played into your hands. If it was a serious post we may as well shut down this list and email you direct.

Shall I unsubscribe now or later.

Milla

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail - 250MB free storage. Do more. Manage less.
http://info.mail.yahoo.com/mail_250

395. Hf antenna's, which , where, how?.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 19:12:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 395 Message: 395

Well done chap's on the big antenna debate.

It seems that for my personal circumstances I may already have the best type of HF antenna , that being the Wellbrook ALA1530 loop.

This aerial has been great and the intereference virtually non-existent. Just every now and then there may be the occasional crashing noise and the signal meter leaps across the scale , but I wonder if this is something to do with distant thunder/electrical storms.

Anyhow with my many receivers the problem was how to hook them up to the one aerial without any sort of loss or impedence problems.
I found that RF systems could supply a double combiner which I have two of.
That enables my 2 Kenwood's off the Wellbrook loop and my Panasonic DR B 600 and Kenwood/Trio R1000 off of my loft mounted RF systems magnetic transfer antenna (mini-windom).

However one of the members and I think off the top of my head it was G0Aqi has provided details of a U.S website that does all sorts of multicouplers that might mean I could hook up all of my radios to the same aerial.

I don't know if I am looking in the wrong places but similar products don't appear to be so prevolent over here.

One thing I am curious about is the importance of location for receiving HF DX.

I know of one amateur who frequents 80 meteres and sometimes he is talking to overseas operators who I cannot even hear. I know that his rough location is on the clifftops overlooking Brighton so he is obviously well above sea-level and has a clear run across the water.
I have heard that a large expanse of water near a home location can improve HF although I don't know if that is true or not.
At this time I don't know what type of antenna system he is using.

Best Wishes

Andrew

396. Can we draw a line please.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 19:27:29 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 396 Message: 396

With regard to the HF antenna debate the purpose of this group will mena it is always going to be one of the major topics up for discussion and rightly so.

I would however appeal to all the group members to keep things on a gentlemanly footing and avoid any curt or unpleasant messaging.

I would like to request that no more tit for tat messaging takes place and we draw a line under it here.

It won't make pleasant reading for the current or prospective membership and I certainly don't want to see people pull out of the group because of it.

Obviously it is a huge topic and there are going to be differences of opinion , if we don't agree with someone else's posting then by all means explain why and how we disagree but please just keep it technical and not personal.

Best Wishes

Andrew

397. New member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-16 20:37:38 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 397 Message: 397

Welcome to gmwtoolbox our latest member.

I hope you enjoy the group and find it a useful place to learn and input with regards to SW and VHF listening.

Best Wishes

Andrew

398. Multicouplers USA -v- UK

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-17 01:11:58 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 398 Message: 398

Hi Andrew.
I noticed, or, rather, was told, by Wellbrook, that they also do a multicoupler for HF. I asked what the price was but can't seem to find the email reply that I got but, I do recall that it was £100+ for a four-way splitter, (_http://www.wellbrook.uk.com/AS1030.html_ (http://www.wellbrook.uk.com/AS1030.html))
It's tucked away right at the bottom of their list of products and, English fashion, there's not even a price appended to it. You'd think the guy don't wanna sell any - in fact it was he who told me that they make/sell such a beast. It was so well hidden that I hadn't even noticed it there - I want comission for advertising!!

I notice that Stridsberg, (_http://www.stridsberg.com/index.htm_ (http://www.stridsberg.com/index.htm)) now do a notch filter for VHF/UHF scanning that kicks FM broadcast breakthrough in the teeth, AND, they also sell a filter which takes care of broadcast band overwhumping for us shortwave listeners/Amateurs out here too. I've got one of Stridsbergs' VHF multicouplers and I run two Yupi 7100's, an AR3000A and a Fairhaven RD500 off of the same discone - no problem, except some Broadcast breakthrough now and then.
At my QTH, (North London), I get loads of breakthrough from VHF FM broadcast AND Medium Wave AM broadcast - The Capital Radio AM aerial is about 3 miles away in Borehamwood and the Radio 5 live transmitter site, at Brookmans park, is also too local for comfort. Jeez, do I NEED those filters!!!
John Stridsberg does say that his products are supplied to Government and Military and that they have to conform to Military specifications - I would though, prefer to patronise a company this side of the water.....
Cheers.
Lou

399. Cheers Lou (G0aqi).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-17 01:34:25 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 399 Message: 399

Many Thanks for the information regarding multi-couplers.

I did have a look at the Stridsbug site earlier on today and I noticed that they offer both active and passive.

I understand the active part of my Wellbrook loop antenna but i wonder if you would know the difference as far as a multi-coupler is concerned.

Also is yours active or passive?

Best Wishes

Andrew

400. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Cheers Lou (G0aqi).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-17 13:05:43 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 399 Message: 400

In a message dated 17/02/05 01:36:24 GMT Standard Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

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I did have a look at the Stridsbug site earlier on today and I noticed that
they offer both active and passive.
I understand the active part of my Wellbrook loop antenna but i
wonder if you would know the difference as far as a multi-coupler is
concerned.
Also is yours active or passive?
Best Wishes
Andrew

Hi Andrew.
Yer welcome.
Mine is the active one, tho' I can make it passive by switching the power
off, at which point the S meters all drop by about two-thirds.
The active part of it just makes up for any losses incurred by having the
signal run through all of the separation circuitry.

The ideal situation for this kind of thing is that the signal coming out is
the same as the signal going in, with no added noise, though in the real
world there will always be a bit of noise added.
Cheers.
L

401. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-18 17:21:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 131 Message: 401

Pkisinuse has joined our group.

Welcome aboard hope you enjoy all the useful links and message postings.

Always loads of useful information to be had.

Best Wishes

Andrew

402. Sunday 10.00 am to 4.00pm STEVENAGE RADIO SHOW.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-18 17:23:34 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 402 Message: 402

Just another reminder of this show in case any of the members have missed the past postings.

For all the show info just go to the group "Links" and you will find the dedicated website.

Best Wishes

Andrew

403. Low.long,dx wires

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-19 05:31:25 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 403 Message: 403

Hello All,
A couple of sites that may answer a few questions.
http:/www.vinecom.co.uk/ - an interesting 'ham' site.

http:/www.antenna.it/antennas6.htm - interesting military/ham site.
More later. Eric

404. IGNORE PREVIOUS MSG URL s

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-19 05:40:26 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 404 Message: 404

Try again ..

http://www.vinecom.co.uk/

http://www.antenna.it/antennas6.htm
hope that works. Eric

405. Re: IGNORE PREVIOUS MSG URL s

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-19 08:12:08 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 404 Message: 405

Very sorry folks, I'll get this right eventually.-
With the Vinecom site, go to 'Special Products' and then
to 'Beverage Antenna' at the bottom of the list.Thanks, Eric--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Eric"
<taurusrockett@y...> wrote:
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> hope that works. Eric

406. A Good Show.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-21 18:13:34 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 406 Message: 406

I attended the Stevenage Radio show yesterday and a good show it was too.

All the usual and main exhibitors were there as always plus a couple of new ones as well.

Strangely enough I didn't buy any new equipment this time , although I was well chuffed that one exhibitor who was also selling mobile phone batteries had a brand new one for my long dicontinued handset for just £10.00.

I am awaiting delivery off my latest Ebay win , a fairly rare Sony 6800W.

It should be another nice addition to the shack , especially as one of my AOR3000A's has packed up.

The technical dept. at AOR have suggested that before I send it back to them for repair that I undo the case and press the micro-processor button as from the symptoms I gave they are suggesting that it is just an internal lithium battery problem - we shall see. It won't be cheap to repair but it is a fraction of the cost of replacing the whole unit.

Did any members attend the Stevenage show?

Best Wishes

Andrew

407. A good show

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-21 19:42:28 UTC
From: g1rbz
Topic: 407 Message: 407

Hi Andrew glad you enjoyed the show.
Its a bit to far from Lancashire for me.
The Sony 6800w looks intresting i have just looked it up in Receivers past&present.
I hope the Aor 3000A is working again

Regards Geoff G1rbz

408. Message for G1 RBZ.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-22 02:37:04 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 408 Message: 408

Cheers Geoff ,

If I remember rightly did you recently win your copy of this book on Ebay for about £6.00.

If so what a bargain and well done.

The Stevenage show is definately a bit of a haul from Lancashire but I do believe you get a rally up Oldham way sometimes that I am sure you must get along to , is it a good one?

As for my Aor3000A it was a great dissapointment when I switched it on and nothing happened.
As you have probably seen from my shack photos I run two 3000A's side by side and a quick swap around of power supplies confirmed that it was a unit problem and not the psu.

The chap at AOR was extremely helpful on the phone and as yet I haven't had the time to get back in the shack and take the covers off to do this micro-processer re-set.
However even if it does spring back into life it is still going to need the battery replacing and that is a job for someone who is skilled at de-soldering and re-soldering.

I have dealt in the past with both AOR and Kenwood service departments and although fairly expensive the quality of their work and bench testing facilities have been money very well spent.
I cannot think of many electrical products pushing 10 years of age where one would go to the trouble of paying for repairs , but with radios its a whole different ball game.

So I will probably still bubble wrap it and send it up for an overhaul.

As for my win on Ebay of the Sony 6800W it looks nice doesn't it and apparently not a bad performer.
I will probably just use it for commercial broadcasts and will hopefully be able to try it out tomorrow as its coming on next day special delivery.

Best Wishes

Andrew

409. Oh , such dissapointment.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-22 17:03:44 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 409 Message: 409

With great enthusiasm I unpacked my latest Ebay win from its packaging this afternoon.

A Sony 6800W (see Rigpix.com).

As said by the vendor the condition is absolutely first class , just like new in fact.

I switched on FM sounds excellent , MW also and then finally to the SW bands.

Alas it just wasn't happening.

There is a short wave band selector numbered 1 to 10 with an outer ring selector in 10 Mhz spacing.
There is a pre-selector tuning dial and display and a large tuning wheel with analogue dial (the same one operates the MW).
All this is coupled to a digital readout (which is ok on the MW)

Anyhow when you spin the tuning dial nothing happens , the digital readout doesn't move.

I have established with much playing about that the pre-selector seems ok and I know the tuning wheel and digital display are fine because they operate the MW range perfectly.

I suspect that the fault lies behind the SW band selector dial.

At preent the radio is playing away in the kitchen on Classic FM and sounds great.

I don't think the Ebay vendor really knew what he was selling and as such couldn't or wouldn't have known how to test it out on SW.
It is always a risk that we take with second hand kit.

However I like the look of this radio so much and the condition of it that I will be happy to use it in the shack for FM & MW.

However I would also be grateful if any members of the group would know of any one who would be able to service a 25 year old Sony radio and get the SW bands back in operation.

Best Wishes

Andrew

410. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Oh , such dissapointment.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-22 19:11:05 UTC
From: Alan Ainslie
Topic: 409 Message: 410

Andrew,

I am in Surrey. I get up to Essex often and would be happy to have a look at this for you.

Alan Ainslie
Custodian of the Eddystone Museum in Farnham Surrey (more details if anyone wants.....)
----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 5:03 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Oh , such
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411. Message for Alan-Ainslie.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-23 03:15:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 411 Message: 411

Many Thanks Alan , what a generous offer.

First of all though please tell us (the group) a little more about yourself and your Eddystone museam.

Coming back to my Sony 6800W I have been trawling the net tonight and one of the postings that I have come across is that this radio is apparently not one of the easiest to service and requires a very skilled hand.

Do you know much about this particular model? it seems to be quite well thought of amongst various user reports that I have read.

Its a lovely looking piece of kit and has a good quality feel to it.

For anyone who wants to see it I am going to put a picture in the photos section.

Once again Alan , Many Thanks and please let me know on my personal e-mail when you are likely to be up this way (originalpickaxe@...)

Best Wishes

Andrew

412. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Message for Alan-Ainslie.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-23 09:15:05 UTC
From: Alan Ainslie
Topic: 411 Message: 412

The Eddystone Collection

Comprising original Archives and equipment from four major sources:

The private collection of Alan Ainslie - collected over many years, including several items directly from Eddystone Radio due to the kindness of senior management.

The private Collection of Richard Baker - a remarkably scholarly and well researched collection comprising many unusual and factory prototypes. Excellent research and documentation.

Archives and some equipment from Ring Communications who bought the business from Marconi as Megahertz Communications. Includes much commercial material in the Archive.

The purchase of The Eddystone Collection from Marconi PLC in 2002; Marconi retained the Eddystone Collection when they sold the business some years earlier. the collection includes many prototype and one-off models and a significant photo archive as well as much documentation.

Some duplicate documentation, and a full set of copies of the Archive are currently being prepared for the Eddystone User Group.

The whole collection will be open for viewing and research later this year by appointment.

Three books are being prepared on Eddystone History: Pre War, Post War, Solid State, Transmitters, and the current thriving business.

Happy to assist anyone who is researching or restoring, or just curious.

While the collection is extensive, there are some surprising omissions still. So, always looking for Eddystone sets, or components, or literature. and always delighted to hear from anyone with personal experience of working at the Company.

Alan Ainslie
The Eddystone Collection Tel 01252 782 932

(As an aside, anyone with an interest in Steam Trains might be interested to know that we also run the Spinney light railway here in Farnham. A complex 7 1/4 inch fully signalled railway with four signalboxes and five stations. Radio and railways do often go hand in hand! Visitors to the railway welcome by arrangement first Saturday every month.))

----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2005 3:15 AM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Message for Alan-Ainslie.....

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413. Cheers Alan.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-23 16:19:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 413 Message: 413

Thanks for that info Alan that sounds like quite some collection you have going there.

Do all of your examples work?

I presume that you must get involved in the restoration side and getting old kit firing up again.

Talking of firing up , the Spinney light railway sounds very interesting.

My father retired from the railway in 1995.

He started in the late 1940's as a fireman on the Liverpool Street to Norwich Line and became a driver.
I know that his engine was called "Clive of India" and it was I think a Brittania class loco , I would have to check but I know he knows the loco number as well.

I presume from the guage that it is one of those loco's that the driver sits astride?

Is this something that you open to the general public or is it strictly appointment only within your own private grounds?

How long is the track?

Best Wishes

Andrew

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414. Re: EDDYSTONE COLLECTION (and Off - Topic TRAINS)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-23 19:45:48 UTC
From: Alan Ainslie
Topic: 414 Message: 414

Quick reply here:

The Eddystone Collection is primarily all working equipment in good order. Modifications are not really acceptable, and this includes unsympathetic repairs, so an old tip/body/spot resistor would NOT be replaced with a carbon film in a historically important set.

The railway: there is over a km of track with a pretty complex layout, I can post some pix if there is the interest. 7 1/4 gauge locos are up to 2m long and the driver will sit on the tender generally. Scale is 1/8 of full size.

The railway runs twice a month, first and third Saturdays. it is not for public running because of basic privacy and insurance and security issues. Visitors are very welcome however - a railway needs passengers! So if anyone would like to receive an invitation please just email. alan.ainslie@lineone.net

Regards

Alan.
----- Original Message -----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2005 4:19 PM
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415. Welcome to another new member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-26 17:44:04 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 415 Message: 415

Marcabbiss2002 has joined the group.

Welcome aboard Marc hope you enjoy the group.

Message postings are a little quiet at the moment , however there is plenty to read in the archives as well a links to lots of great websites to explore.

If you want to tell the group about your interest in the hobby , what kit you use and what you like to listen to the please feel free , it will make interesting reading for us all.

Best Wishes

Andrew

416. Around the world in 80 hours

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-26 22:10:35 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 416 Message: 416

I got this from another group - I thought that it may be of interest to the group. You should be able to follow the aircraft as it flies round the world, as most of the time it will be using the normal HF aeronautical frequencies. I'll pass these on as soon as I know them. - Many thanks to Mike Hockley

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417. Heads up 5.680 USB

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-27 14:18:48 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 417 Message: 417

Currently there is a Nimrod (Rescue 51) and a
Helicopter (Rescue 169) en route 250 miles south west
of Plymouth, to winch a patient off the Irish Trawler
"Atlantic Dawn".

Cheers

Bill

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418. New Amatuer Radio Forum - UK Based

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 08:36:41 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 418 Message: 418

All Welcome - Shortwave listeners/scanners/Amatuers worldwide

Free Shoftware - Members Upload/download area - Guest Download area

Forums - Chat - All Free - Why not give us a look and by all means

register (all information is securly stored - no spam emails etc)

http://www.brew4two.com

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419. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] New Amatuer Radio Forum - UK Based

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 10:23:10 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 418 Message: 419

Thank you for the information. Would appreciate if you
could provide the correct URL.

Hanafi

--- linuspoint <ajohnston@...> wrote:

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420. Re: New Amatuer Radio Forum - UK Based

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 12:33:24 UTC
From: ajohnston@toucansurf.com
Topic: 418 Message: 420

Sorry It is the correct URL - however it was down for update and maintenance
for about an hour this morning - it is up and running again

Andy-(2E0AIV)
Norfolk
UK

421. http://www.brew4two.com/

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 12:35:37 UTC
From: linuspoint
Topic: 421 Message: 421

Sorry about that chaps (and Chappess') the site was down for esential maintanance about the time i made the posting - My apologies to all

website address

http://www.brew4two.com/

Thanks to all for interest

Andy
2E0AIV

422. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] http://www.brew4two.com/

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 14:15:43 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 421 Message: 422

No need to apoligise Andy. We humans make mistakes.
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423. Fwd: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Around the world in 80 hours

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-02-28 20:30:31 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 423 Message: 423

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--- Bill Smith <wes62d@...> wrote:
> To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
> From: Bill Smith <wes62d@...>
> Date: Sat, 26 Feb 2005 22:10:35 +0000 (GMT)
> Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Around the world
> in 80 hours
>

Update

Target time for take off is between 4pm and 5pm
(22:00UTC - 23:000UTC)
today.

Route still unchanged for the UK:-

Ireland > South Wales > England > France > Italy

Possible frequencies to listen out on are:

North Atlantic Track A
3016, 5598, 8906, 13306, 17946 all USB

North Atlantic Track B
2899, 5616, 8864, 13291, 17946 all USB

North Atlantic Track C
2872, 5649, 8879, 13306, 17946 all USB

North Atlantic Track D
2971, 4675, 8891, 11279, 13291, 17946 all USB

Then into UK airspace try 129.375, 133.600, 134.750,
126.075, 132.950 all AM, then 127.425, 135.425,
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Further live updates can be found at the following URL

http://www.virginatlanticglobalflyer.com/

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424. Have A Listen To This!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-12 15:43:43 UTC
From: ukradiofan
Topic: 424 Message: 424

I found this site today and I love it..

Try it for yourself.

www.ReviewRadio.com

425. Waters & Stanton Ebay Shop.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-13 07:41:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 425 Message: 425

Crikey , where has everybody gone this month????

Anyway I have just been having a look at the Waters & Stanton website (see links) and I have noticed that they are now running there own Ebay shop.

I don't know yet wether the stuff they are putting up for auction is appearing in the general catergories as I believe you can have an Ebay shop on its own without your stuff appearing in the main auction catergories.

However it is it is obviously going to be worth keeping an eye on for any good bargains.

Best Wishes

Andrew

426. MeldeeUK & UKradiofan , New members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-15 02:50:16 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 426 Message: 426

Welcome to the group guys.

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Anyway explore the group there are loads of message archives to plough through , loads of links to great websites and a few interesting photographs which include some of my own listening shack.

Best wishes

Andrew

427. Re: MeldeeUK & UKradiofan , New members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-15 11:07:05 UTC
From: Eric
Topic: 426 Message: 427

Hello All,
Welcome to the new members. Yes, it is quiet.I'm still
here for one and keep up with the postings when I can manage it. It
is an ongoing (un)health thing that rears its ugly head now and
then, - but that's is the way it is.Just keep on taking the pills...
Apart from that -all fine and dandy-. What did anyone make of
the 'dx' aerial from the antenna.it, - the military job. I'd love to
give it a try, and it is on my long, long, list at about item 209.
Cats and curiosity, - that sort of thing. Best wishes to all.
Eric,Somerset.--- In
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428. What is the difference?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-28 13:52:26 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 428 Message: 428

Hello everybody!! We sure have been quiet late and to keep this egroup alive I have decided to post the following question.

I have been looking through ebay for shortwave receivers and noticed that some are classified as communications receiver whilst others come under general coverage and shortwave receivers. Does anybody out know the differences between the said? Thank you for reading this e-mail.

9W2TZ - Hanafi

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429. Message to Hanafi.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-03-28 19:09:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 429 Message: 429

Your absolutely correct things are very quite at the moment and March has seen the least number of postings so far.

However , this doesn't matter as the group is always here as a point of reference and I am sure all the other members are keepimg an eye at some point or another.

Anyway with regards to your question , as far as my way of thinking goes there is a line in the sand called 30Mhz and radios , receivers whatever you wish to call them will generally operate on one or sometimes both sides of that line.

I would tend to refer to everything below 30mhz as a Shortwave/HF receiver and everthing above 30Mhz as a general coverage or wideband receiver or scanner.

For those that do both (but do they do it well on HF?) I suppose you might refer to them as wideband , maybe?

Up in my shack my radios have definate tasks , I use dedicated shortwave radios for shortwave and they are higher quality radios.

For above 30mhz listening I use an array of radios. To be honest the further up the VHF band I go the less I worry about the quality of the receiver I am using , as transmissions are generlly FM or AM and are fairly strong local signals.

As an example if I am listening to my local 2 meter repeater some 8 miles away I gain nothing by listening on my AOR3000A instead of my Realistic Pro 2042.

At the moment I do more HF than VHF and although my two AOR3000A's have a vast array of gadgetry and high quality filters I am yet to use them to my advantage over and above that which might be acheived by a cheap Tandy/Radio Shack unit.

Best Wishes

Andrew

430. new user

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-03 20:05:52 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 430 Message: 430

hi folks ,
hope you can help, i just got a dx-394 today and have it all pluged in but have no idea where to look for frequancys that are reasonable active so i can try it out i have been looking at ajp's website and tried loads of frequancies but had no luck.
i have a longwire antenna in the back and also have grounded , i can get mw a lw broadcasts but i am looking for more intresting stuff in the marine and ocianic air bands if you have any ideas where to look it would be great.
many thanxz
piersdx-394

431. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] new user

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-03 20:33:03 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 430 Message: 431

Have a look in the files section of the group - There
is a listing there of RAF HF frequencis - they are
generally active during the week. Let me know directly
if you cannot find them

Cheers

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432. Re: new user

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-03 20:54:17 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 430 Message: 432

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433. your list

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-03 21:05:51 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 430 Message: 433

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434. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] your list

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-03 21:21:09 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 430 Message: 434

These are the listed frequencies, I use an Icom PCR1000 - PC controlled, and also have to slightly tune up or down, 5450 is normally a bit noisy. It is worth checking 5616 on the North Atlantic tracks - you can pick up all sorts on that including Mr Bush in Airforce One (When he is off to Europe)

I always tune slightly up or down to get the best reception, it is just a matter of having the time to do it.

Let me (and the group) know how you get on

Cheers

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435. Message for PiersDX394.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-04 02:28:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 435 Message: 435

Welcome to the group Piers , I see that you are already getting help and advice from our members , which is great , exactly why I set the group up.

Strangely March was a very quiet month for the group , but no matter you can go back through all the message archives and see wjat has been written and you will also find loads of interesting web sites if you investigate the group "links".

Please let us know how you get on with the 394 , its not a radio I have used myself bit I have heard that it is a good entry level shortwave receiver.

I think you will find that most group members would suggest that the aerial system is more critical than the receiver , I have not yet gone down the road of rigging up a long wire system , I took a bit of a shortcut , albeit an expensive one , and I invested in a dedicated active (electrically enhanced) antenna from a company called Wellbrook Communications (in the "Links")and frankly the results have been fantastic.

I have just come down from the shack having been listening to Stateside amateurs chatting away on 80 metres (3924mhz Lsb).

With the right kit (not always expensive)you will find that there is loads to listen to.

Best Wishes

Andrew

436. This week

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-04 17:26:19 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 436 Message: 436

With all that is going on in Rome this week, if you are interested in the aeronautical bands, it may be worth listening to the frequencies I mentioned last night. I presume Mr Bush will be attending the funeral of the Pope on Friday.

I suggest trying to listen to 5616khz and 11175khz(USB) for Airforce One.

As Prince Charles is also attending, it may be worth listening th the RAF frequencies of 4742khz, 9031khz and 11275khz (especially if he uses the Royal Flight) for any Kittyhawk callsigns.

The news should let us know who is attending.

Regards

Bill

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437. New Link added.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-05 02:19:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 437 Message: 437

I have just added a new link which is quite interesting.

I pinched it direct from the pages of the March issue of Shortwave magazine's scanning supplement.

Anyway it is called Worldaerodata.com and it contains information on over 11,000 airports worldwide including runway dimensions and geographical locations and elevations.

More importantly it also lists the communications frequencies used by individual airports.

Best Wishes

Andrew

438. thanxz

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-05 08:50:20 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 438 Message: 438

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439. Re: thanxz

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-05 12:52:38 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 438 Message: 439

Hi Piers & All,
Re. the speaker on the dx394, in my opinion it is
total crap but can be remedied very easily and relatively cheaply if
you take Eric's advise as I did. For twenty quid go and buy yourself
a bhi 20w extension speaker plug it in via the 3.5mm mono plug and
away you go.You will be very pleased with the results.
Having said that it is a great shame that the
manufacturers don't spend an extra few pence installing a better
quality speaker in the first place because other than that little
problem I found the dx394 performed well for the money.
Pete.

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440. AOR Loop aerials...

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-05 16:50:46 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 440 Message: 440

Hello list.

Is there anyone out there with experience of the AOR active loop aerials, (LA350, WL-500 etc)?

I heard somewhere that they work well but, HOW well?.....

Cheers.

Lou

441. 352 Special Ops Group - Mildenhall

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-05 17:12:38 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 441 Message: 441

5.2045 352 SOG Mildenhall is active with:-

KNIFE21 - MH-53M 21 SOS
KNIFE23 - MH-53M 21 SOS
KNIFE24 - MH-53M 21 SOS
All up with BLACKHAT.

I got this off another group - if you are a milair
buff it may be worth listening to

Cheers

Bill

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442. Message for Lou re; active loops.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-06 01:39:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 442 Message: 442

When I get up into the shack , Lou , I will have a check of my 2004 edition of "Passport to Worldband radio" as they have a large section that is dedicated to passive and active HF antenna systems that they have thoroughly tested and rated from 1 to 5 stars.

I use a Wellbrook ALA1530 loop which they rated at 3.5 to 4 stars out of 5 and I have found that to be excellent.

From my memory I am sure that they have tested the AOR loops and rated them , I will come back to the group on this tomorrow.

Best Wishes

Andrew

443. Next message for Lou re; Loop antennas.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-07 01:33:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 443 Message: 443

Lou , I have consulted my book "Passport to Worldband Radio 2004"
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Overall it slightly outperforms the Sony although it is not as
travel or user friendly.

The AOR LA-350 is awarded 2-3 stars out of a maximum 5.

The LA-350's unbalanced design makes it more susceptible to local
electrical noise pickup than either of Wellbrook communication's
loop models.
The supplied AC adaptor doesn't help with this either.
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So there you have it from the people in the know.

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444. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Next message for Lou re; Loop antennas.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-07 11:44:55 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 443 Message: 444

Hello Andrew.
Thanks for the information. I hadn't seen the price!!

I actually ordered a Wellbrook loop yesterday, and realised that THAT price has gone up recently, so when it's set up I shall be interested to see if it's as quiet as has been reported.
I wonder does anyone know where a small TV aerial/vhf type rotator might be had for a reasonable price?

Thanks again Andrew.
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445. Message for Lou.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-07 17:30:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 445 Message: 445

Well done Lou on your purchase of a Wellbrook Loop.

I wonder which model you have gone for?

I am going to guess that as you want a rotator, as well, you have probably chosen the LW , MW and HF ALA1530 , which is the same one that I have.

If this is so I think you are going to be very well pleased.

I run mine into two Kenwood R5000's using an RF systems professional splitter (see photos section) , with audio coming through BHI DSP 10-2 speakers.

The low noise levels are fantastic.

Waters & Stanton do a basic rotator which is more than adequate for the job from about £40.00.(I am sure many of the other retailers in the links section will offer similar deals)

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That way those components all insulate from the metal loop.

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That can then be nicely fitted into the rotator.

In my haste to rig it all up I did not wetherproof my dowel so prosumably after a year or two I can expect it to rot through and fall over on to the garage roof , so for your installation if you do it this way you may wish to crack open a tin of sadolin or some such wood preserve in order to add some more longevity to the installation.

Incidentally if you have only just ordered the delivery time was somewhat laboured at about 2 to 3 weeks. But once you have it all rigged up I think you will find it has been more than worth the wait.

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446. Welcome to our latest member.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 02:43:34 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 446 Message: 446

B1g_AL5 has joined the group.

Welcome aboard

Best Wishes

Andrew

447. Re:Wellbrook ALA1530

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 06:49:27 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 447 Message: 447

Yes Andrew it's a 1530.

I'm intending to put it on a flat roof at the rear of the property, about 10feet from the ground.

I'd be interested to know where I can get a rotator for circa. ?40, most that I've seen cost a bloody fortune, apart from that little battery powered thing, (W&S say it's not up to turning a 1530)
Andrew, I can't work out why you're using 2" dowel. ty-raps and tape, were you securing it to something? P'raps I'm missing the point here.

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448. realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 09:27:35 UTC
From: al
Topic: 448 Message: 448

hi and thanx for the welcome,
I am just startin up shortwave listening and i am
thinkin of getting a realistic dx394 as they are cheap and are they
easy to use? anyone know what they like for starting up?

thanx
(b1g_al5) alan

449. Re: realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 13:10:50 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 448 Message: 449

Hi Al & welcome,
The DX394 is in my opinion a good entry level
receiver.As you say, they are cheap and yes they are very easy to use.
There is an opinion that the "B" model is the better one as
this is/was manufactured in Japan as opposed to China.However,which
ever one you get there is one very definite drawback...the speaker.
For some reason the makers saw fit to install the crappiest, tinniest
thing they could get hold of.This can be easily cured by either using
comms headphones or better still buy a £20 20w ext. speaker from bhi,
this will dramatically improve the audio quality.
At least if you start with a 394 and then become disinterested
you haven't blown hunderds of pounds and you can always upgrade.
Regards,
Pete

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450. Re: realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 13:28:48 UTC
From: al
Topic: 448 Message: 450

good i have just bought a one off ebay for just under £60 so if i loose interest which i dont think i will i would be able to sell it easy. thanks for the reply :)

b1g_al5(alan)

451. Message for Lou.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-08 16:42:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 451 Message: 451

Firstly Lou with regards to a rotator , I actually went to Waters & Stanton today to get the April copy of SWM and also collect a nice 12 inch world globe that I won on their Ebay shop.

Whilst I was in there I saw on the shelf a rotator exactly like mine made by skytronic or sometimes badged as altai.

It is a basic rotator for small antennas or tv aerials and is more than adequate for the Wellbrook loop.

Trouble with explaining what you need over the phone is that the person on the other end cannot always visulise your requirements.

If its any help on page 268 of the current 2005 Waters & Stanton catalogue for £49.95 is a virtually identical rotator to the one that I am using.

It is made by Altai and the product code in the catalogue is AR-300XL.

Moving onto the subject of my Wellbrook loop it is a shame that I cannot draw a picture or provide a photo.

While I was awaiting delivery of my Wellbrook Loop I spoke to a very helpful chap at "The Shortwave Shop" on how I maight go about mounting this antenna.

He suggested that height was not crucial as testing had given good results at ground level.

He told me that what a lot of people do is mount the loop directly to a wooden stake or post but obviously nothing metal as that would completely upset the aerial performance.

He also suggested that because of the size of the loop (its 1 metre diameter - bit like a kids hula hoop) its not a bad idea to mount it top and bottom as in the wind this will add to its stability and rigidity.

This is why with this in mind I stumbled across the 10 foot length of 2 inch diameter dowel in B&Q and used that and being 2 inch diameter it fitted nicely into the rotator mountings.

As far as the plastic heavy duty cable ties and then electrical insulation tape were concerned that was basically so that I could lash the loop to the pole at 0 degrees and 180 degrees and thus have a very sturdy lollipop affair with the pole traversinf the whole face of the loop.

Basically as you look at the loop face on it is divided into two equal halves (semicircles) by the wooden pole. That then leaves a distance of about 7 feet between the bottom of the loop and the point of mounting to the rotator.

My installation is also rigged up on a flat roof (the garage) and it works very well indeed , in fact it works better than I ever hoped it would , especially when you consider what a lot of licensed operators have to rig up in the air just to operate on these frequencies.

I suppose it might all sound a bit "Heath Robinson" but it works.

However when you receive your wellbrook loop you will find that they do provide an insulated bracket so that it can be mounted at the 6 o'clock point of the loop only presumably onto a conventional metal pole.

Anyway hope this explains things a little better.

Good luck with the rotator , also keep an eye out on Ebay as they do sometimes pop up on there as well.

Best Wishes

Andrew

452. Re: realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-09 13:29:39 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 448 Message: 452

Hi again Al & All,
That's good news. No I don't suppose you'll get
bored, there's always plenty to listen to. If you fancy a break from
broadcast stations there's always utilities, amateur bands or numbers
stations to find.
What sort of aerial are you intending to use?
There's a little wrinkle you might want to employ with regards to the
tuning knob which feels a bit light and hollow ('cos it is):- Have a
word with your friendly neighbourhood builder/plumber and scrounge a
small piece of sheet lead, you only need a piece 2-3" square. Snip it
up into very small pieces and having pulled the knob off(not as
painful as it sounds!) put the lead pices into the hollow sections in
the knob then cram the sections with blue tack. The result should be
a tuning knob that has a better feel to it.
Not wanting to teach egg-sucking etc. but make sure you chuck
any surplus lead away carefully.
Let us know how you get on,
Cheers,
Pete.

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "al"
<a_howarth25@h...> wrote:
>
> good i have just bought a one off ebay for just under £60 so if i
> loose interest which i dont think i will i would be able to sell it
> easy. thanks for the reply :)
>
> b1g_al5(alan)

453. popped in to say hi

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-09 19:15:56 UTC
From: tiggerz20005
Topic: 453 Message: 453

Hi i spotted the link whilst browsing in ebay so thought i'd pop in to be nosey lol. My name is wayne and in weston super mare on the south west uk coast. At the moment i use an AOR AR1500 for scanning which is a nice radio and is on ebay at the moment as im more into hf bands than uhf/vhf so im diversifying into hf equipment at the moment. Any way just thought id say hi to everyone.

455. Re: realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 06:53:02 UTC
From: al
Topic: 448 Message: 455

Ok will do that with the knob :)(on the reciever:P) money is a bit tight at the moment so will have to do with the 1 thats on the reciever at the moment.

thanx
al

456. PORTABLE SHORTWAVE LOOP ANTENNA

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 07:21:10 UTC
From: al
Topic: 456 Message: 456

does anyone think this will work or has anybody tried this? dont know if i should print the url up but here goes:-

http://www.creative-science.org.uk/loopant.html

457. Re: realistic dx394?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 13:14:34 UTC
From: squire9802
Topic: 448 Message: 457

Hi again Al & All,
Yeah I know the feeling.Still,I believe (and this
is where I'll have to ask assistance from some of our friends in the
group)that a long wire aerial can be put up for a few pence.
Obviously I don't know whether you're situation /location would
allow for this? I'm sure that there are several amongst us who could
give a bit of advice on how best to go about it.
Cheers,
Pete.

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> thanx
> al

458. New here

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 13:36:34 UTC
From: rick
Topic: 458 Message: 458

Hey my name is rick and im new here.I started using a scanner 2days ago and so far i have found some interesting transmitions here in kent. Iv found transmations coming from the M25 wrotham area and also from ashford ,canterbury , sandgate + more.

Only thing is my scanner needs a new ANTENNA for my scanner but i dont know what type it is.It is a screw in ANTENNA i have on my scanner and i need a bigger ANTENNA so that i can pick up better transmition from the maidstone area.

any help would be gr8

antaean3000@...

messenger antaean3000

thanks rick

459. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] New here

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 14:13:51 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 458 Message: 459

Rick,

What we need to know is what type of scanner you have
got - by what you have said, it having a "screw in"
antenna you could require a SMA adaptor

Let us know what type it is and I'm sure that someone
can help out

Cheers

Bill
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thanks rick

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460. A big welcome.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 18:13:08 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 460 Message: 460

Welcome to all the latest members to join the group.

Hope you enjoy it, feel free to post messages , links and photographs to anything that is relevant to our hobby.

Best Wishes

Andrew

461. Message for Rick.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 18:29:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 461 Message: 461

Welcome to the group Rick.

I presume that because your scanner has a screw in antenna it is probably one of the many Tandy/Realistic/Radio Shack desk top type of scanners that are available.

If so it has probably got on the rear a socket that will cater for an external antenna connected by way of a "BNC" connection.

Most members will probably agree that an outdoor antenna mounted at reasnoble height will provide good results.
Especially with above 30mhz scanning where you will probably want an antenna that covers a huge range of frequencies.

Two basic types spring to mind 1) the discone which looks a bit like an umbrella with no skin and 2)the slightly less conspicuous scanstick which is generally about a metre tall with 3 to 4 small radials.

If an outside antenna is not possible I have had some good results with a desktop discone mounted in the loft.

If you check all of the traders in the group "links" you will find many of these antennas are available.

Best Wishes

Andrew

462. a good scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 19:58:22 UTC
From: rick
Topic: 462 Message: 462

What is the best scanner to get for beginners?
I'm looking to get a digital one with the lcd .
Today I picked up the police by accident on my scanner and heard about the accident
On the m2 as it happened.Iv got a omega £20 scanner at the mo but in the next week i will be getting a better one.

I also have a few questions is it illegal to listen in to aircraft,railway workers,the emergancy services on a normal scanner?

463. Re: a good scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 20:13:31 UTC
From: tiggerz20005
Topic: 462 Message: 463

As far as im aware its illegal to listen to emergency services such as police, ambulance, fire but aircraft is fine to listen to i should think railway workers might be ok. As for the scanner it depends on wether you want a homebase unit or handheld and what frequencys you want to listen to? for wideband 500khz-1500mhz am/fm/usb/lsb i use an AOR AR1500 handheld which works well and is for sale on ebay at the moment as my interests are more on HF 0-30mhz so im gradually changing over to hf equipment. hope this helps you a bit.
wayne

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464. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: a good scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 21:07:19 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 462 Message: 464

Regarding the use of scanners it can be found at the
following:

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radiocomms/ifi/enforcement/ofw156x?a=87101

It is ILLEGAL to listen to the police, that is why
they are going over to TETRA, a digital network that
you cannot decode.

As for airband, I listen to it all the time, as I am
interested in military aviation.

Looking for a scanner, you get what you pay for.

I have 4, 3 handhelds and a computer controlled one.
If I were to start off new, with the knowlege I have
now, for a hand held scanner I would probably go for a
Yupiteru MVT7100 have a look at this link:
http://www.nevadaradio.co.uk/acatalog/yupiteru-mvt7100.html

This will give you an idea of what it would do.

As everyone says, you need a decent antenna, either a
discone (Wide range) Long wire (HF) or if you want to
specialise in a certain frequency range maybe a Stick
antenna. It depends on what you want to do

Hope this helps

Regards

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465. re: a good scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 22:09:44 UTC
From: rick
Topic: 462 Message: 465

hey guys thank you all for your help so far.
I have the following scanner
http://www.maplin.co.uk/Module.aspx?ModuleNo=10420&TabID=1&source=15&WorldID=&doy=10m4

i guess its not as good as the others that you can get.

whats the best for getting transmitions over a long distance like
30-50miles away the transmitions i pick up are distorted and the
longest clear transmition iv found was 10mins long then i lost it.

it seems there are so many scanners/recievers out there i dont know
which to get the airband one i have gets
aircraft/railworks/security/police but it fades within a few seconds
but these can get boring.are airband scanners any good.

would these be any better then the ones i have
http://www.maplin.co.uk/Module.aspx?ModuleNo=37493&TabID=1&source=15&WorldID=5&doy=10m4
http://www.maplin.co.uk/Module.aspx?ModuleNo=29668&TabID=1&source=15&WorldID=5&doy=10m4

sorry im clueless here.
im good with computers and mobile phones but im new to scanners.

466. a good scanner 2

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-10 22:09:49 UTC
From: rick
Topic: 466 Message: 466

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467. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: a good scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-11 08:42:49 UTC
From: simon180399@aol.com
Topic: 462 Message: 467

HI ALL IM NEW TO THE GROUP, I USE VARIOUS RADIOS FOR HF/VHF .
TO ANSWER THE ABOVE QUERY IT IS ILLEGAL TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING EXCEPT
LICENSED RADIO AMATEURS AND BROADCAST STATIONS, BUT YOU WILL FIND THE AUTHORITIES
TURN A BLIND EYE TO MOST LISTENING EXCEPT OF COURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND
CORDLESS PHONES.
IN THE U.S YOU CAN LISTEN TO EVERYTHING EXCEPT MOBILES AS THEY ARE STILL ON
THE ANALOGUE SYSTEM WHERE AS WE ARE NO ON DIGITAL GSM SO WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF
LISTENING TO THOSE ANYMORE.

I WILL POST AGAIN SOON WITH SOME MORE DETAILS ABOUT MY SET UP AND PERSONAL
DETAILS ETC
CHEERS ALL
SIMON (RS180399)

ps just realised that caps lock was stuck on - sorry!

468. Message for Antaean3000.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-11 17:59:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 468 Message: 468

With regard to a better scanner , I don't feel the quality of the radio for scanning is quite as crucial as for Shortwave listening.

What I would suggest is going to be a greater improvement is an outdoor scanning antenna that is mounted as high as you can get it.

With scanning taking place at 30Mhz and above I would think that picking up transmissions 30-50 miles away is probably somewhat optomistic.

The majority of VHF from what I can see is broadcast on either AM or Narrow band FM and that basically means you will hear what is in line of sight of your antenna.
If you think about Independent Local Radio stations that broadcast on FM using many hundreds possibly thousands of watts of power through very large transmitters you do not have to travel too far before you can no longer pick them up.
Most VHF transmissions will be much lower power and generally fairly local to your location.

As an example of this I can receive on my Shortwave equipment RAF in Kinloss , Northern Scotland extremely strong , however if I tune my scanner to some of the VHF frequencies that they use then I have not got a hope in hell of hearing them unless one of their helicopters happend to be operating in my local area.

Anyway welcome to the hobby , I think you will find as I did when I first started that scanning is a great entrance and learning curve but needs to be complemented eventually by listening on the shortwave bands (i.e below 30Mhz) because that literally does open up the whole world to your ears.

Some more experienced members of the group (I am just a novice myself) may not fully agree with all that I have said on a few technical points , but I think I am probably fairly near the mark on the general content.

Best Wishes

Andrew

469. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Message for Antaean3000.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-11 18:11:27 UTC
From: simon180399@aol.com
Topic: 468 Message: 469

hi andrew,
you say that but in fact its "line of sight +a third" and of course this can depend on a variety of things such as atmospheric conditions, locations etc, for instance a few weeks ago i was up on dartmoor parked in a car park and using my old aor-950 scanner and a quaterwave dipole on the roof i was hearing both sides of the conversation between aircraft and heathrow approach on 119.725 so it shows atmospherics play a big part.

one last point "your radio is only as good as your antenna system" so the rule is use a good aerial and feeder cable and get it as high as possible.

cheers simon

470. Realistic Pro-2004 scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-11 20:27:20 UTC
From: larrylondon53
Topic: 470 Message: 470

hi all
I am new to your site like what I am reading,anyway I have just
won a realistic Pro-2004 scanner on ebay ;-) all seems to work ok
but the display light seems a little dim, I have got a new back
light with fitting instuctions but they are a little bit missleading
anybody got any tips for me before I start thanks
regards larry

471. pro-2004 scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-12 17:22:36 UTC
From: larrylondon53
Topic: 471 Message: 471

hi all
just to let you know that I have replaced display back light
all very easy. anybody wan't the info just drop me a line
regards larry

472. all read

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-12 22:38:01 UTC
From: rick
Topic: 472 Message: 472

Since i first had my scanner iv been picking up trafic police on 155mhz pb the transmittions are coming from london and it seems it is the base for the trafic police and you can only hear what the lady says but you cant hear any one replying.im about 50-60 miles away from london with a little handheld scanner.

Also i can get some other patroll on tv1 at between 70 & 80 Mhz they read all kinds of things out like people walking on hard sholder of motorway and caravan overturned etc its pretty cool.

if the police ae encrypted then why can i hear them? and whay would they choose to broadcast on fm/pb & tv1 ? when anyone could listen in and they sometimes read personal data over the radio like car reg XXXXX etc its crazy.

would you send your details out over unsecure radio waves? i think not.if you live in sussex try listening in to the above stations you should be able to get them as your nearer to london then i am but i can get them. At first i thought i was just a beacon signal being sent out but if you stay tuned for a while you start to hear them talk.its very interesting.

my bad i know but its the only broadcast worth listening to on my radio.

473. Re: all read

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-13 00:28:44 UTC
From: tiggerz20005
Topic: 472 Message: 473

Your lucky mate in my area they have gone TETRA so cant get anything like that although i did manage to pick up on a chase with 2 patrol cars on talkthrough lol the only really interesting stuff i seem to be able to pick up is the ambulance service on 166.100 nfm (somerset area) and quite interseting the stuff you get on there. Being about 200 yards from the seafront i get marineband quite well but its usually boring stuff. I been trying to find store watch frequencies but so far not found a thing (wonder if they are using airwave or tetra type technology) ive even sat outside my local tescos without any sign of life i really must get a freq counter lol.

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474. Date for your diaries.....Sunday 24th April, 2005 ..10.00am.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-14 15:43:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 474 Message: 474

The West London Radio Show will be making the first of its usual twice yearly visits to the superb venue of Kempton Park racecourse.

The doors open at 10.00 am and admission is £3.50.

The first 1500 visitors will be entered into a free raffle to win a Yaesu radio (although it will be useful to licensed operators only).

This is a great show with all the major radio equipment suppliers present.
It is primarily aimed at licensed operators but seen as we all use a lot of the same bits and pieces it is an ideal opportunity to pick up what you need and talk to the experts in person all under one roof.

Unfortunately I cannot get to this one due to other commitments, but for those who can , have a great day.

For all the details please visit the group "Links" and look up West London Radio Show and that will take you straight to Radiofairs .co.uk who organise the whole show.

Best Wishes

Andrew

475. scanner wanted

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-25 19:21:51 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 475 Message: 475

hi folks ,
i am looking to get back into scanning again and was looking for some feedback on what radios you use and any info on what to look for with second hand sets ie common faults. i am intrested in a couple or makes the alinco dj10x and the aor 8200 both seem to be very good spec sets but how good are they? i am not leaning to any particular make at the mo but it must be able to recive the 8.33 step so the older realistic sets are out unless i can get one very cheaply and still get the other set aswell
any help and feedback would be great

thnxz
piersdx394

476. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] scanner wanted

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-25 21:47:03 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 475 Message: 476

The Alinco DJX3 is a very good scanner for the price,
and it covers the 8.33 steps. I cannot comment on the
AOR 8200 (I have an old AOR 1500EX, fine radio) nor
the DJX10.

Regards

Bill
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477. Realistic DX394 and Palstar active antenna for sale.

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-26 08:29:35 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 477 Message: 477

Hi all.
Hope you don't mind me posting this.....
I'm giving up on SW and have the above for sale.

Anyone interested please contact me off group at

a.foster69@...

Thanks,

Andy

478. Re: scanner wanted

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-26 08:34:39 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 475 Message: 478

hi bill
i had an aor1000 many years ago and found it a very good scanner and also have had an aor 3000 various realistics and unidens the last scanner i had was the mvt7100 a very good scanner and easy to operate alas though they all dont support the new step size so it would have to be a newer model although i do recall that there performance on 70 mhz for the fire service was very good indeed thinking back on what i have spent on scanners over the last 10 years or so is a bit of a worry realy still it keeps me happy and stops the wife moaning at me lol

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., Bill Smith <wes62d@y...> wrote:
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> and it covers the 8.33 steps. I cannot comment on the
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> Regards
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> to look for with
> second hand sets ie common faults. i am intrested in a
> couple or makes
> the alinco dj10x and the aor 8200 both seem to be
> very good spec sets
> but how good are they? i am not leaning to any
> particular make at the
> mo but it must be able to recive the 8.33 step so the
> older realistic
> sets are out unless i can get one very cheaply and
> still get the other
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> thnxz
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479. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: scanner wanted

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-26 17:23:30 UTC
From: ganorris@blueyonder.co.uk
Topic: 475 Message: 479

> Hi Piersdx394 iuse yupi 7100 on airbands set to 9khz seems ok to me
it only 67kc out Regards Geoff
> hi bill
> i had an aor1000 many years ago and found it a very good scanner and
> also have had an aor 3000 various realistics and unidens the last
> scanner i had was the mvt7100 a very good scanner and easy to operate
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480. Message for AndyFoster.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-27 01:00:52 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 480 Message: 480

Sorry to hear that you are packing up the Shortwave, Andy.

Any particular reason for this?

Best Wishes

Andrew

481. Message for G0aqi (Lou).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-27 01:03:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 481 Message: 481

Lou , I was wondering how you are getting on with the Wellbrook loop antenna that you had on order?

Best Wishes

Andrew

482. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Message for G0aqi (Lou).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-27 20:01:21 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 481 Message: 482

In a message dated 27/04/05 02:04:27 GMT Daylight Time,
essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

Lou , I was wondering how you are getting on with the Wellbrook loop
antenna that you had on order?

Best Wishes

Andrew

Hello Andrew.

Thanks for your email.

The Loop well, yes, it seems fine with my assorted receivers although I
haven't put it outside yet.
Since it arrived a few days ago all my free attention has been on my
computer, which was absolutely fine, UNTIL, I installed a WiNRADiO 313i/180.....

To cut a long story, of deleting softare, de-fragging and re-installing
drivers etc etc, quite short, today, with the help of an expert, I finally
managed to get everything running properly. It's an amazing receiver and it's a
whole different experience to SEE what's going on as well as hear it. You can
see a signal and think; Mmmm wonder what that is - CLICK on it - you're
hearing it.

There was an IRQ (Interrupt ReQuest), conflict when I installed the radio
card and the Modem wouldn't work because COM3 port was not there anymore!! - I
found out that COM3, which is almost always used fo a standard modem, is
actually a virtual port and not physical like COM1 and COM2, anyway, enough of
the boring stuff.

The Wellbrook loop - I must admit that I was a little dissapointed when it
arrived and I unpacked it. The instructions were folded and scrunched into a
plastic wallet which was in turn scrunched up and taped to the aerial, they
needed ironing before I could use them, and the whole thing was a mess of
packing tape.

The biggest dissapointment were the instructions relating to mounting the
thing and the preventative measures recomended for wind proofing it such as
sticks and ty-raps etc!!! What am I supposed to lash this stick/pole/rod TO? I
paid a hundred and seventy quid for the thing, I expected something I could
just get mounted without resort to inelegant and bizarre Heath Robinson
solutions! As an electrician I recognise that it's made from standard electrical
stuff like a plastic conduit box and I think aluminium conduit which is why
you're foced to get your thinking cap on before just mounting it anywhere.
There was one surprise however; the inclusion of stainless steel screws.

In the last year or so, I have bought a few of things from American supplier/manufacurers - MFJ, Stridsberg Engineering and Palomar Engineers, (even the names sound better) - The quality of the American stuff is second to none, built like a brick shithouse, designed for the purpose and properly engineered, NOT something cheap and pressed into service because, "It'll do..."

I'm sure it'll work fine when I've finally got it outside and worked out how I'm going to bodge a support that doesn't look like a total mess on the garage roof.

I'll let you know how it goes.

Cheers Andrew

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483. Datong Filter....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-27 21:06:57 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 483 Message: 483

I say chaps, does anyone know where I could get a Datong FL-3 filter repaired?

Datong no longer, "support" this model - evidently making too much money making surveillance stuff for the government.

cheers.

Lou

484. Message for G0aqi.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-28 13:19:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 484 Message: 484

Lou , I was sorry to hear about your dissapointment with regard to the packaging and presentation of your new Wellbrook Loop.

I am sure that once you have found a suitable way to rig it outside that you will be pleased with its performance.

I can only offer you my own experience in that my loop has given me a whole new world of listening that was previously unavailable to me with my previous antenna systems.

Best Wishes

Andrew

485. General question to the group.....??????????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-28 13:28:29 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 485 Message: 485

I wonder if any members of the group have any experience of using an antenna that I have been reading about called a "Log Periodic"?

As the warmer weather approaches I may well be inclined to have a play about with mounting some new antenna ideas.

My current scanner antenna is a scanstick with 4 small radials mounted some 25 feet above the gutter line of my house.

It looks very impressive but probably doesn't pull in signals as well as it might due to my location at the bottom of a dip with large hills in the foreground at all points of the compass.

I wonder if mounting one of these "log periodic's" which if I am correct is a beam antenna , as high as possible with a suitable rotator will offer a great deal of benefit for +30mhz scanning.

I quite like listening in on the 2metre amateur repeaters but would also like to listen to more of the input signals and ssb traffic.

Any ideas would be most welcome.

Best Wishes

Andrew

486. Log Periodic

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-28 14:52:32 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 486 Message: 486

Hi Andrew,
With regard to your question on the Log Periodic antenna, I have used one of these for 15 years plus and swear by it.
I use it for TX on the amateur bands where it is suitable, as well as SWLing within its entire frequency range.
The frequency range of the Scanmaster LP-1300 is from 105 Mhz.to 1300 mhz, not really suitable for HF listening.
I have mine vertical and am always amazed how well it does when compared to a discone and even other verticals that are actually cut for a specific frequency, living right on the east coast as I do shipping can be tracked quite a way across the North Sea even after it is lost on a vertical.
As you have already appreciated it is a beam antenna so a rotator is a must to get the best out of it, use good quality coax and the antenna needs an N type plug.
Regards from a dull, Walton on the Naze,
Herbie

487. Many Thanks Herbie.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-28 16:20:40 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 487 Message: 487

Cheers for that info , I may invest in one of these later on in the year.

I would only use it for VHF so above 105mhz is fine.

Tell me is there a particular reason that you have it on a vertical polorization as opposed to horizontal , or does it not matter , or is it benficial when transmitting , bearing in mind that I would only be using one for receive.

Best Wishes

Andrew

488. Log Periodic

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-28 18:22:27 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 486 Message: 488

Hi again Andrew,
The only reason I have it vertical was, as you guessed because a lot of the guys that I talk to also have vertical antenna's as do the mobiles, I have used it horizontal as well with good effect as well, I think on the airband reception from passing aircraft is at least 2 S points stronger when it is horizontal,other areas of SWLing are weaker due to the fact that probably they also have vertical antenn's I suspect. if you also have a vertical antenna that you can use as a reference when you have the Log Periodic horizontal it will give you a reference as to how well and possibly an indication of the type horizontal/ vertical antenna the other station is using.
I also find that the Log Periodic is quite sharp in its receive pattern as well.
Regards,
Herbie.

489. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Message for G0aqi.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-04-29 09:43:27 UTC
From: g0aqi@aol.com
Topic: 484 Message: 489

Hi Andrew.

Yep. I'm sure, especially after the rave reviews I've read, that it will work well. I live quite close to a busy electrified railway line which puts out a fair bit of mush, especially when it rains.

I DO get riled when I think suppliers are taking the piss. There seems to be an english mind-set about quality and the, (usually elevated) prices that we're able to be charged. Case in point Public transport: I decided to catch a bus the other day rather than get the car out or walk it - It cost me £1.20 for a six minute journey. In Holland I paid about the same to go from the airport to Amsterdam centre on a fast clean quet train, similar in France, Belgium and Canada too. Another case in point are the new car prices we were forced to pay until the internet came along and people realised we were paying 30% more that our european neighbours. When questions were raised about WHY it was so, no-one had an answer except to say that it's always been that way!.....

I'm glad that those, incuding yourself who've benefited from the aerial are pleased with it but I feel certain that he could have gone the extra mile to finish the engineering!

All the best.

Good listening.

Lou

In a message dated 28/04/05 14:23:53 GMT Daylight Time, essexshortwavescanning@... writes:

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Best Wishes

Andrew

490. for sale

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-02 18:33:08 UTC
From: simon180399@aol.com
Topic: 490 Message: 490

hi all
hope you dont mind but thought some of you may be interested in buying this
http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=5771793989
(http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=5771793989)

please accept my apologies if ive offended anyone with my for sale ad
cheers simon

491. wanted yupiteru mvt7100

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-04 09:50:07 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 491 Message: 491

hi folks i am looking for an mvt7100 any one got one they dont use or
are willing to sell exchange px ? loads on ebay but you never know how
well they are looked after feel free to contact me 07863315360 if you
have one or if you are just selling ascanner mobile or homebase
but a 7100 would be prefered
many thanks

492. Message for Piers.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-06 01:52:10 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 492 Message: 492

Piers I don't know what other members of the group may feel about this , but have you considered an AOR8000 or even better an AOR 8200.

In my time I have owned both and I found them far better and more user friendly than the Yupiteru MVT 9000 I once owned.

Best Wishes

Andrew

493. Re: Message for Piers.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-06 09:27:54 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 492 Message: 493

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@...,
"essex_shortwave_scanning" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> Piers I don't know what other members of the group may feel about
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> In my time I have owned both and I found them far better and more
> user friendly than the Yupiteru MVT 9000 I once owned.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew

hi andrew
speaking to other people and a few friends who have had an aor8000
they said that although it was a good scanner it wasnt as easy to use
and took a lot longer to use with out the manual as for the 8200 i
dont know any one with one to ask about unless some members of this
group would like to contribute the opinions about one any info would
be welcome before i buy what could be an expensive mistake if i dont
like the interface if you know what i mean

494. dx 394

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-06 21:34:54 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 494 Message: 494

hi folks looking for more info on the dx 394
i seem to be having the odd spot of "oh bloody hell i cant get a fugging signal duck fat for a lark" sort of problems mw and longwave are ok i can tune in and recieve ok but when it comes to sw nada not a thing just good old static with somtimes better sounding static or louder static but still static
or maybe it could tinitus? who knows maybe i should plug a longwire into my noggin and see what i can get but if anyone out there radio staticfree reception land can give me a few pointers so that maybe i could get a hum for a change or even a bit of of freq whistling i would be greatful

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495. Message for Piers re; DX394

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-08 19:41:44 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 495 Message: 495

Piers, is this a new problem that you are having with your HF reception?

Were you receiving HF ok up until now?

What antenna system are you using?

Is it possible that the radio itself is on the blink?

Best Wishes

Andrew

496. poor hf?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-08 21:02:37 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 496 Message: 496

hi andrew the system is conected to a longwire, but it is not routed verywell through the house as the set is located under the stairs along with 3 pc'sand a few other bits and bobs recption on the mw/lw is ok but is just on hf that there is little or no signal for example i have the set on 5616 usb and have a signal of 5 on the meter but just crackling even on volmet i get the same any one a decent idea on a simple antenna that i can try indoors?

497. Message for Piers.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-09 01:36:46 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 497 Message: 497

Well to be honest Piers I would start by getting the radio as far away from the computers as possible , there's probably loads of electrical interference getting onto the receive.

My Sony SW55 is an excellent radio but trying to use it in the downstairs of the house where my computer and most other electrical appliances are located makes it a hopeless task for anything other than strong broadcast stations.

I would appreciate it if other group members could add to the comments on this one and the above.

As far as sideband receiving is concerned the antenna set up is I would suugest going to be very important and will make the difference between hearing nothing and hearing lots.

I would think that you almost certainly need to get it outdoors and as far as possible away from sources of electrical interference.

At this point you are going to be considering space , available funds etc , over to you.....

Best Wishes

Andrew

498. alinco dj x10

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-16 18:14:23 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 498 Message: 498

any one on here got one of these scanners? if so can you let me know what the performance is like across hf and ssb i take it the vhf/uhf is going to be pretty good for this radio, i am still looking for a mvt7100 but i have been offerd one of these for a good price so any info would be welcome.

500. Radio Rally Sun 5th June

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-23 07:48:22 UTC
From: Phil
Topic: 500 Message: 500

Folks, a date for your diary.

Sunday 5th June Spalding and District Amateur Radio Society (SDARS) will be holding it's annual radio and computer rally, http://www.sdars.org.uk/ click on `Spalding Rally' on left hand menu for details. Not a large club by some standards but normally a well supported rally. We have two halls with traders plus a large outside car boot, with some 300 people through the gate last year. Refreshments available.
Need an excuse? For the rest of the family there is the quite new Springfields shopping outlet and Festival Gardens (http://www.springfieldsshopping.com/home.asp) about than a mile away. Leave them to shop whilst you do something far more interesting and join us at the rally (parking is chargeable at Springfields so you have a good excuse to come to the rally as parking is free there!).

Hope to see you there.

Regards Phil
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501. Another Diary Date....Sunday 29th May , 2005

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-24 02:27:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 501 Message: 501

This Sunday see's the return of the annual Waters & Stanton "Open Day".

Full details can be found on their website which you can access via the group "Links".

Needless to say for anyone with the slightest interest in radio it is a great few hours for browsing and possibly picking up some discounted bargains.

Best Wishes

Andrew

502. dx 394

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-31 17:33:26 UTC
From: piersdx394
Topic: 494 Message: 502

hi folks just dropping you a line to let you know about this set we had a realy nice day in the garden last week with a bbq for the whole family i put the dx394 out side with a longwire and hey presto it came to life with nice reception accross the range and good strong signal strength several members of my family where very intrested in the set and what it could pull in aqnd a couple who had been in airforce where realy surprised that it pulled in RAF and USAF channels and unfortunatly for me and the rest of us started on about how good life was in there time in the service etc etc etc , so now that i know for certain that the radio is A-OK it just leaves me to reroute the antenna and cut out as much mains interferance as possible should be fun

503. Queens Birthday Parade

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-31 22:43:08 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 503 Message: 503

I got this from another group - for all of us who own scanners, this is the rehearsal for the Trooping The Colour flypast due to happen on Saturday 11th June 2005. Like the Army, the RAF like to have a practice as well.

The Queen's Birthday Fly-past PRACTICE 2005, takes place on Monday 6th
June (With weather fall-back days of Thursday 9th June and Friday 10th
June). The formation will fly over north-east Suffolk before heading
over Norfolk up to RAF Marham and then into Lincolnshire, flying abeam
the town of Spalding, before overflying RAF Waddington where the aircraft
will then disperse to their respective bases.

The timings are below in British Standard Time (BST) :

Start 11:30 BST C-17A Globemaster III joins hold at Southwold
(Hold is racetrack between Lowestoft & Southwold, with an over-sea or
over-land option) and other elements join-up to build up to Windsor
Formation.

Depart Southwold Hold 12:40 BST Formation departs Southwold
Harbour Mouth for RAF Marham and RAF Waddington Air Traffic Control Tower
which will 'stand-in' for Buckingham Palace.

Overhead RAF Marham 12:45 BST

Abeam Spalding 12:54 BST Airspares away

RAF Waddington ATC Tower 13:00 BST

CALLSIGNS :

Whole formation (When formed-up) = WINDSOR FORMATION

C-17A Globemaster III = WINDSOR LEAD

TriStar = FAGIN
Typhoon T.1's = TRIPLEX (Becoming FAGIN COMBINE)

E-3D Sentry AEW.1 = SENTRY
Tornado F-3's = WARLORD (Becoming SENTRY COMBINE)

VC-10 = MADRAS
Jaguar GR.3's = BOXER (Becoming MADRAS COMBINE)

Nimrod MR.2 = NIMROD
Tornado GR.4's = ROCKET (Becoming NIMROD COMBINE)

PARTICIPANTS :

1 x C-17A Globemaster III - 99 Squadron, RAF Brize Norton (Formation
lead)

1 x TriStar - 216 Squadron, RAF Brize Norton
(Element two lead)
3 x Typhoon T.1 - 29(Reserve) Squadron / Typhoon Operational
Conversion Unit (TOCU), BAe Systems, Warton Airfield
(One aircraft is airspare)

1 x E-3D Sentry AEW.1 - 8/23 Squadron, RAF Waddington (Element three
lead)
3 x Tornado F.3 - 56(Reserve) Squadron, RAF Leuchars
(One aircraft is
airspare)

1 x VC.10 - 10 Squadron, RAF Brize Norton (Element four lead)
3 x Jaguar GR.3 - 6 Squadron, RAF Coltishall (One aircraft is
airspare)

1 x Nimrod MR.2 - Kinloss Surveillance Wing (KSW), RAF Kinloss
(Element five lead)
3 x Tornado GR.4 - 31 Squadron, RAF Marham

SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS :

2 x Hawk T.1 - 100 Squadron, RAF Leeming (Weather recce, Photo-ship
and Whipper-In(s))

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504. Queens Birthday Parade - The Day

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-05-31 22:51:17 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 504 Message: 504

From my other source details for the day

The Queen's Birthday Fly-past 2005, takes place on
Saturday 11th June.
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at Southwold
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over-land option)
Southwold Hold 12:40 BST Formation departs
Southwold Harbour
Mouth for London
Abeam Colchester 12:51 BST Airspares away
Abeam Fairlop 12:57 BST
Buckingham Palace 13:00 BST

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Waddington (Element three
lead)
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(One aircraft is
airspare)

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four lead)
3 x Jaguar GR.3 - 6 Squadron, RAF Coltishall (One
aircraft is
airspare)

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RAF Kinloss
(Element five lead)
3 x Tornado GR.4 - 31 Squadron, RAF Marham

SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS :

2 x Hawk T.1 - 100 Squadron, RAF Leeming (Weather
recce, Photo-ship
and Whipper-In(s))

1 x Twin Squirrel HCC.1 - 32 (The Royal) Squadron,
RAF Northolt
(Camera-ship, London area)

CONTROLLING AGENCIES :

London ATCC (Mil) - 135.275 MHz or 299.975 MHz
Boulmer Radar - 242.275 MHz or 251.750 MHz (Using
transmitters at
Neatishead)
ATC Marham - 362.750 MHz or 124.150 MHz
ATC Coltishall - 315.325 MHz or 125.900 MHz
Essex Radar - 120.625 MHz
ATC Southend - 130.775 MHz
Thames Radar - 128.025 MHz
ATC Northolt - 126.450 MHz or 125.875 MHz
ATC Brize Norton - 342.450 MHz or 127.250 MHz

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How much free photo storage do you get? Store your holiday
snaps for FREE with Yahoo! Photos http://uk.photos.yahoo.com

505. RAF Flight watch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-07-14 11:48:45 UTC
From: steve_shellam
Topic: 505 Message: 505

Hi all, I was surfing the net and found your group. I work at the RAF flight watch centre talking to all our kites. You might of even heard me giving the met broadcasts. If anyone has any questions about what things mean and what we do etc. I will be happy to answer them!

Steve

507. Re: Adult Movies & Pictures - Pay with SMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-07-16 19:25:58 UTC
From: tiggerz20005
Topic: 507 Message: 507

Crap posts like this spam should be deleted as they have no use what so ever to radio users go and put your spam elsewhere!!!!!

508. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: Adult Movies & Pictures - Pay with SMS

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-07-16 19:57:22 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 507 Message: 508

Not quite

I think that the person who sent that one has a yahoo
e-mail address.

Report him (I already have), and they will take steps
(will not tell you how) but as I am a moderator on one
of the PCR1000 groups I regularly do this. Yahoo will
tell you that they have done somethin about this.

I will forward their mail when they come back to me.

The other option is to make the group moderated, i.e.
they have to apply to join. You can then ban them if
they send this sort of stuff.

Of the other groups that I belong to, the moderated
ones get very little or no spam at all.

The e-mail address for reporting abuse on yahoo groups
is abuse@...

Cheers

Bill
--- tiggerz20005 <cutetiggz1000@...> wrote:

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essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...

Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the Yahoo!
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Yahoo! Messenger - NEW crystal clear PC to PC calling worldwide with voicemail

http://uk.messenger.yahoo.com

513. YAESU 5000

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-07-25 18:32:31 UTC
From: g1rbz
Topic: 513 Message: 513

HI CAN SOME ONE TELL ME WEAR I CAN FIND CAT PROGRAM
FOR FR 5000 THANKS GEOFF

514. locked out.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-18 02:00:38 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 514 Message: 514

Blimey , for ages I have been locked out of my own group with no way back in.

It turns out that the reason was that I hadn't used the e-mail account that I had to open when I started this group.

I don't use the e-mail , I respond to posted mesaages.

Anyway I apologise for some of the spam type porno rubbish that has appeared.
Where and when I come across it I will delete it with immeadiate effect.

Best Wishes

Andrew

515. Yaesu vr500 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER/SCANNER FOR SALE

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-22 20:03:34 UTC
From: tiggerz20005
Topic: 515 Message: 515

I have a Yaesu vr500 hand held scanner

Theres a good review here
http://www.transmission1.co.uk/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=30&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0

0-1300mhz WITH NO GAPS

am, fm narrow & wide, usb, lsb,cw

It has the original box,

manual,

rubber duck,

power lead.

There is a slight scratch on the screen but doesnt impede the view of the screen or the operation and its less than 6 months old other than that its in excellent condition.

JUST DO A SEARCH ON EBAY FOR ITEM 5801589726

I MIGHT EVEN BE INTERESTED IN DOING A SWAP FOR A DECENT HF RECEIVER (NOT A REALISTIC)

516. southend and met police

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-28 02:09:18 UTC
From: kevin
Topic: 516 Message: 516

hi group i am visiting the southend and north london aera's in sep what police channels are active in the southend and do the met still use the 152-153rance for hte traffic unit's thanks kevin

517. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] southend and met police

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-28 18:01:01 UTC
From: Bill Smith
Topic: 516 Message: 517

I think that they will all be using Airwave by now,
which is digital so there is no chance in being able
to listen to them
--- kevin <m3rrl@...> wrote:

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518. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] southend and met police

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-29 09:48:59 UTC
From: valskeptman@aol.com
Topic: 516 Message: 518

Not totally airwave. I am up in Prittlewell and have noted two frequencies in the 451Mhz area that seem to be police. Will monitor this evening and post the frequencies to morrow AM.

Ian Brickwood
An SWL on all bands and proud of it!

519. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] southend and met police

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-30 14:56:13 UTC
From: valskeptman@aol.com
Topic: 516 Message: 519

Currently active with law enforcement are noted, sorry cant ID force etc as
I am new to the area

451.7250 Simplex NFM
451.9000 Simplex NFM
452.7250 Simplex NFM
452.9750 Simplex NFM

Ian Br
An SWL on all bands and proud of it!

520. Cheeky So & So

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-31 13:50:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 520 Message: 520

I have just deleted a porno related link from the group links.

I will try and keep an eye on this , however I would be grateful if any of the members who notice anything untoward appearing could mention it in a message ans I will delete it asap.

Best Wishes

Andrew

521. Police activity in Essex.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-31 13:56:42 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 521 Message: 521

Over the last year I have noticed a virtual 100% decline in police activity in my part of Essex , certainly as far as analogue transmissions are concerned.

Even on 450mhz , this used to be a very active band then about 8 or 9 months ago it just fell quiet virtually overnight.

Uniformed bobbies certainly seem to be using these new mobile phone style radio units that are obviously digitally encrypted and I understand that there are some health and safety issues with them as they are apparently a lot more potent that an ordinary mobile phone that us civvies might use.

There may be lots of bobbies out there with frazzled brains--- no comments required.....

Best Wishes

Andrew

522. I am getting a new scanner.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-08-31 14:06:10 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 522 Message: 522

Following a very favourable review in the September issue of Shortwave Magazine I have decided to purchase said radio.

The Uniden BC246T is currently unavailable in The UK or Europe and I have ordered mine via a website in the USA.

Why have I gone to this trouble?

I wouldn't normally look at a scanner from this company and prefer my trusty AOR 8000.

However this new Uniden has one very important feature called "CloseCall".

This basically makes it a frequency counter and scanner all rolled into one tidy little unit.

As an example if you are near enough to any transmission with in it's frequency range it will automatically pick it up - how neat is that.

Obviously for the full review refer to September's SWM , but I am certainly lookinf forward to mine coming through the post within the next few days.

Best Wishes

Andrew

523. Uniden BC 246T scanner - only available on U.S import

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-09-15 16:53:03 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 523 Message: 523

I have received from the States my new handheld scanner the Uniden BC 246T.

I would direct all interested parties to the Septmber 2005 issue of Shortwave Magazine for a very comprehensive review.

I just wished to add my input with regard to the unique "close call" feature.

This basically combines a scanner and frequency counter into one unit.

It is terrific I have been sitting in my car listening into aircraft going overhead. Using this feature I would never have found them so quick or easily.

I would think that for regular visitors to airshows or motor racing events then one of these radios has got to be an absolute must have.

Best Wishes

Andrew

524. Stanstead Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-09-26 02:38:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 524 Message: 524

One of the advantges of being a Taxi driver is that I get about to various places where interesting frequencies can be found.

Members of the group will be aware that I am the proud owner of a Uniden BC246T "close call" scanner.

I took the opportunity to use it at Stanstead airport at 6.00 am on Saturday.

Here is what I picked up.

127.1750 mhz AM some sort of airport Volmet?

126.9500 mhz AM Stanstead Tower

167.7000 mhz NFM Airport Carz (huge airport taxi firm) Base frequency

172.5000 mhz NFM Airport Carz mobile frequency

123.8000 mhz AM another Stanstead tower frequency , I Think?

I am sure that there are loads more , but it was very early and I was only monitoring for about 15 mins about 400/600 yards from the main terminal building.

Best Wishes

Andrew

525. A DAY AT THE RACES -- SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2005

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-03 01:55:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 525 Message: 525

The venue is Kempton Park racecourse --- but there will be no horses running.

Instead it will be the West London radio show.

This show is twice yearly and I have often attended in the past.

Obviously it is aimed mainly at radio amateurs , but there are always loads of interesting bits and pieces for us listeners to pick up , including advice if you wish to make the jump to transmitting as well as listening.

For full details on times , prices and travel instructions just look up the West London radio show in the group links and when you click on it you will be taken straight to the Radiofairs website for all the relevent information.

Its a good day out and a very nice venue , always well worth the visit.

Best Wishes

Andrew

526. Hello

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-08 19:07:35 UTC
From: helifreekuk
Topic: 15 Message: 526

Hello all, My name is Dave and i live nr Loughton
This my first time on this group, thanks.

73 dave

527. Welcome all new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-09 08:23:55 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 527 Message: 527

I am pleased to greet all the new members who have joined the group.

This presumably came about after I mentioned our little group on the massive Scanproma UK group in one of my message postings there.

We could certainly do with some extra input to the group as things have been quiet of late.

If any of you have some interesting frequencies for scanning or shortwave , then please post them up.

Now that I have my Uniden BC246T with its built in frequency searching capabilities I am hoping to post up a few more local frequencies as soon as I find them.

Best Wishes

Andrew

528. Re: Welcome all new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-09 10:15:50 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 527 Message: 528

Hi and morning to the group, I joined after seeing the post on proma which i have been a member of for sometime.

Although i live in hertfordshire now which boarders Essex where i used to live, I am only 6 miles from Stansted airport and 4 miles from Harlow so i can pick up lots of Essex freqs, The one i am monitoring at the moment is the Harlow shopwatch which is on 456.675 nfm, If any member requires some Essex freqs i have lots listed. I will also try and give as much input to the group as possible.

Kind regards...Dave

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> soon as I find them.
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

529. Message for Dave re; frequencies in Essex.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-09 18:22:52 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 529 Message: 529

Dave , whatever interesting frequencies that you have for the Essex area please do post them up onto the group.

I have quite a high vhf antenna here in Billericay , although my particular location is low down.

I am still able to drag in signals over quite some distance especially when I crank up the gain on my Mizuho M75 (see photos).

Best Wishes

Andrew

530. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-10 17:21:20 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 530

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Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /ESSEX.htm
Uploaded by : dave_tolk <dave@...>
Description : Essex Freqs

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/ESSEX.htm

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

dave_tolk <dave@...>
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531. Newbie

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-10 19:17:40 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 531 Message: 531

Hi Guys

I'm new to this group but not listening or amateur radio. I live in Loughton and will hope to actively partake in the group for a long time.

I'm not active transmitting at the moment due to lack of time and building works but will be back on the aire at some stage. At least I'm still listening and while I mainly listen on hf I've just lately started listening on >30Mhz. Completely missed the fire on Southend Pier last night because I started scanning 150Mhz upwards - D'oh!

Regards & 73's
Gary

532. Re: Welcome all new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-10 19:21:06 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 527 Message: 532

Hi Andrew

Yep, I got here via that PROMA post ;)

I don't have much time but if you want me to scan any particular portion of the bands just let me know and I'll scan when I can and report back.

73 de Gary

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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> soon as I find them.
>
> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

533. Re: Stanstead Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-10 19:25:30 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 524 Message: 533

Nice :) I'll have to read up on that radio... Not that I can afford
one though :(

Regards & 73's
Gary

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essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
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> main terminal building.
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> Best Wishes
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> Andrew

534. freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-10 20:33:48 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 534 Message: 534

If there is a freq that someone needs, Just post what your looking for and i'll go through my own database and post it for you, Rather than post freqs that members have already.

Regards...Dave

535. Thanks to Dave.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-13 02:37:13 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 535 Message: 535

Cheers Dave for the 2 files on Essex frequencies.

I am going to load some of them into my AOR 8000 and see what I hear when I am out on the road.

You may know better than I , but would I be correct in thinking that Essex police are now digital and they cannot be scanned.

If I am wrong , then where have they moved to?

Best Wishes

Andrew

536. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Thanks to Dave.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-13 07:52:13 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 535 Message: 536
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537. shop watch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-18 13:40:50 UTC
From: john
Topic: 537 Message: 537

anyone has a list 4 barking dagenham

73 john m0hem

538. Re: shop watch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-19 02:43:40 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 537 Message: 538

I am waiting for the delivery of my copy of Uk scanning directory.

It is the 9th and latest edition.

When i have it I will see if it has been listed.

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "john"
<m0hemjohnotoole2001@y...> wrote:
> anyone has a list 4 barking dagenham
>
> 73 john m0hem

539. Shopwatch.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-19 08:23:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 539 Message: 539

I have received my 9th edition of Uk scanning directory.

The shopwatch frequency for Dagenham is listed as;

456.9750mhz (NFM-base) and 462.4750mhz (NFM-mobile)

Also of interest was shopwarch for Newham/Plaistow which was listed as ;

443.000mhz (NFM-base) and 428.5000mhz (NFM-mobile)

Hope this helps.

Best Wishes

Andrew

540. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Shopwatch.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-19 08:26:18 UTC
From: john otoole
Topic: 539 Message: 540

thanks for the information god bless

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73 john
please sign the guestbook
http://www.qrz.com./m0hem

To help you stay safe and secure online, we've developed the all new Yahoo! Security Centre.

541. shop watchwatch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-19 13:25:15 UTC
From: john
Topic: 541 Message: 541

hi andrew
sorry can you help me for barking town centre freq

542. Re: shop watchwatch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-20 01:34:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 541 Message: 542

I hope I can help , I am still painstakingly scrutinising the pages of this latest scanning guide , but thus far have yet to come across a frequency for shopwatch in Barking.

In fact if you haven't got one of these guides it is well worth the £20.00 , because there are loads of interesting frquencies listed , which I would hope are reasonably up to date , with the obvious exception to rapidly declining use of the Police analogue system.

The UK scanning directory 9th edition is currently being offered by numerous vendors in the radio equipment section of Ebay.

It will presumably also be on the stocklist of all the good radio shops(see "Links").

Anyway I shall keep searching and will post in due course if I come across the Barking shopwatch frequency.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> sorry can you help me for barking town centre freq

543. Barking Shopwatch.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-20 01:39:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 543 Message: 543

A response to your query John has been posted on the Kent_scanners group (see "Links") and apperently Barking shopwatch operates on 441.0375 & 426.5375.

I presume that they are the base & mobile frequencies.

Hope it helps.

Best Wishes

Andrew

544. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: shop watchwatch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-20 16:56:55 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 541 Message: 544
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545. Re: freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-20 20:13:01 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 534 Message: 545

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> Regards...Dave

Hi Dave

Anything interesting in Loughton/Epping/Debden type areas?

546. Re: shop watchwatch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 01:34:27 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 541 Message: 546

With regard to these shopwatch schemes are they very low power?

With my outside antenna, what sort of range would they put out in order for it to pick up the transmission?

Is it hundreds of yards or maybe a few miles or more?

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk, Duncan Hawkins <duncan.hawkins@g...> wrote:
> The 440 Mhz freq already talked about is correct. About 4 years ago I put in
> the Barking Shopwatch scheme on 456.??? using a Philips T/T base on top of
> the clock tower. About 3 years ago the local council after installing cctv
> wanted to replace the scheme and run it themselves. The council already had
> a Zetron console with spare capacity and has 440 mhz channels so they simply
> pulled the plug on the original scheme and absorbed the shopwatch. At this
> time they wanted to add dagenham and at that point we pulled out.
>
> Duncan G8KNF
> East London Comms.
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547. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: shop watchwatch

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 16:25:43 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 541 Message: 547
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548. Re: freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 18:20:16 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 534 Message: 548

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> Hi Dave
>
> Anything interesting in Loughton/Epping/Debden type areas?

Loughton/Epping/Debden freqs uploaded to files section

Should keep you busy, Regards...Dave
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549. New Pictures.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 18:31:08 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 549 Message: 549

I took a couple of pictures of my two outdoor antenna systems and put them in the photo's section.

As with my shack photo's it's probably best to click on the "full size" picture option in order to get the best view.

My scanstick sits on top of a 40 foot scaffold and although it looks high my location is in the bottom of a bowl with hills all around , so I am not best sited for VHF.

The Wellbrook loop is an absolutely fantastic Shortwave antenna that sits on my garage roof and is bolted to a cheap rotator , although I rarely find the need to rotate it.
However it is apparently a useful option to have if you like tuning into Longwave and Mediumwave.

I wouls certainly appreciate some pictures being posted up of other members shackware and antenna's etc.

Best Wishes

Andrew

550. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 21:34:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 550

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /stanstedairport.xls
Uploaded by : promachief <promaboss@...>
Description : atansted airport air and ground freqs

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/stanstedairport.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

promachief <promaboss@...>

551. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-21 21:35:30 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 551

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Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /essexall.xls
Uploaded by : promachief <promaboss@...>
Description : genral essex scanning freqs

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/essexall.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

promachief <promaboss@...>
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552. Re: freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-23 20:18:41 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 534 Message: 552

Dave

Many thanks for the Essex files. They wii keep me going for ages!

ta.

Gary

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Dave" <dave@t...> wrote:
>
> > Hi Dave
> >
> > Anything interesting in Loughton/Epping/Debden type areas?
>
>
> Loughton/Epping/Debden freqs uploaded to files section
>
> Should keep you busy, Regards...Dave

553. Re: freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-24 01:12:22 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 534 Message: 553

I would like to echo Gary's words and say on behalf of the group
Dave , Many Thanks for some great files with lots of interesting
Essex frequencies.

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Gary"
<m1ezc@y...> wrote:
> Dave
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554. Is anyone using a vintage valve receiver??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-29 17:36:37 UTC
From: Ian Hand
Topic: 554 Message: 554

Hi all,
I have just acquired a Hallicrafters SX-28 from 1942.It covers
550KHz to 43MHz in 6 bands with variable IF bandwidth and bandspread
on the old amateur bands.
It's a HEAVY piece of kit weighing in at 80lbs!!
Its performance is excellent for both ssb and AM transmissions.
Its performance knocks spots off my Trio 9R-59D on all bands.
It's a rare receiver in the UK and it was used as a loan set by GCHQ
during WWII, so it has an interesting history to it too.

73,
Ian H G1DRP

555. Jim M75 pre-amp £49.95.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-31 02:26:25 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 555 Message: 555

Just happened to notice what I thought was quite a bargain.

In the October issue of SWM , Haydon Communications are knocking out this pre-amp for about £30.00 less than its normal rrp.

Thinking it miaght have been a typing error I checked their website , the M75 is definately available for £49.95.

Best Wishes

Andrew

P.S just go the "links" for a direct path to the website of Haydon Communications.

556. Re: Is anyone using a vintage valve receiver??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-31 02:31:48 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 554 Message: 556

That sounds like quite a piece of kit Ian.

I bet it needs some finger twiddling to drive it.

I must admit my preference is for straight forward solid state and digital readout.

However it's great to hear of such an old unit still holding its own all these years later.

If you can please put a photo of it on the group photo's.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> during WWII, so it has an interesting history to it too.
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> 73,
> Ian H G1DRP

557. Re: Is anyone using a vintage valve receiver??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-10-31 18:32:47 UTC
From: Ian Hand
Topic: 554 Message: 557

I have uploaded a photo.
Cheers,
Ian

558. Group Reminder -- West London Radio Show 13/11/2005

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-03 16:23:39 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 558 Message: 558

Just a quick reminder to one and all that Sunday week sees the return of the above mentioned radio show to the Kempton Park Racecourse venue.

As with most of these shows they are primarily aimed at licensed Hams.

However I have always found plenty to interest me and have often picked up useful bits and pieces , antennas , radios and books etc.

Full details of times , admission and travel details can be found by clicking on the West London Radio Show website which is listed in our group "links" section.

Best Wishes

Andrew

559. Welcome to all the new members.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-26 09:42:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 559 Message: 559

Welcome to the group , there isn't much happening at the moment other than to say that the group has just chalked up it's 1st birthday.

There are however loads of interesting links , message postings , files and photographs etc to be browsed through.

So please feel free to add to any of these for the greater good of us all.

Best Wishes

Andrew

560. Rallies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-26 14:50:50 UTC
From: Paul Golder
Topic: 560 Message: 560

Hi

When are the next amateur radio rallies in the south east coming up?

Cheers
Paul
G0NGA

561. Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-27 13:14:12 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 561 Message: 561

Hi Andrew et al.
Andy Foster here, I was a member when the group first started, but I left because my SWL hobby died.
Still do plenty of scanning with the R20 and BC246T, but I'm wanting to get into SW again. Properly this time!
Before I just used a long wire which was crap, and a DX-394, but this time I'm going to do it with a decent radio and antenna.

I've got an antenna on the way, but radio wise, I'll be looking in the new year for something.
A good friend (and very expirienced SWL) has recomended the Yaesu FRG-100, while I trust his excellent advice, these radio's are a bit 'pricey' to say the least!

Any recomendations from you guys for a decent radio?
Or shall I save for the FRG-100?

Cheers for now,

Andy

562. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-27 14:47:35 UTC
From: valskeptman@aol.com
Topic: 561 Message: 562

I dont know exactly the cost these days of gear but I have a number of suggestions some are probably as expensive or perhaps more so. I have four main radios here , NRD 525 a very nice machine with good ergonomics, AOR 7030 very good performance and crappy ergonomics, A Fairhaven RD 500 VX nice machine all over the bands but not as good performance on HF as other and a drake SW8 with good shortwave performance, the other bands that it covers are not that hot. All these were bought secondhand and run on HF from random wires fed into balun transformers (or UnUNS) or whatver you whish to all them thence by co ax to the radio.
The DX 394? couls be made into a better machine by mods found on the Monitor Internet site as can the FRG 7 which does perform well (thats from the experiance of the umodded one)
Good luck in your hunt

Ian Brickwood
An SWL on all bands and proud of it!

563. Re: Rallies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 02:42:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 560 Message: 563

I don't think there is anything coming up now until at least spring of 2006.

I tend to keep abrest of events either through Shortwave magazine or the events section of the Waters & Stanton (see links) website , as they tend to be at all the big rallies.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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>
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>
> Cheers
> Paul
> G0NGA

564. Re: Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 02:51:28 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 561 Message: 564

Welcome back Andy ,

I wonder what antenna system you have gone for on the HF?

As far as a receiver is concerned I have a few different ones , I have a Kenwood R1000 and a Panasonic DR600 (see photos) that I use for commercial listening.
For anything on the sidebands I have a couple of Kenwood R5000's coupled using a dedicated HF duplexer to my Wellbrook loop antenna.

All of these radios came to me secondhand via Ebay with the 5000's offering exceptional performance.

I don't know anything about Yaesu radios and have never owned one , but they are clearly one of the top brand names in the market and presumably offer good performance.

I have to say that none of my radios gave decent performance until they were hooked up to a decent antenna so i would think that any money would be better spent on the antenna and then get the best receiver with what is left.

What is your budget for a receiver?

I have seen for example Kenwood R5000's change hands on Ebay for less than £200.00.

I have a very comprehensive guide on HF radios , if you let me know any particular model I can let you know how the guide book rates it.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> Any recomendations from you guys for a decent radio?
> Or shall I save for the FRG-100?
>
> Cheers for now,
>
> Andy

565. Re: Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 10:27:50 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 561 Message: 565

--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> Welcome back Andy ,
>
> I wonder what antenna system you have gone for on the HF?
>

Hi Andrew.
Well me being a tight arse :~)
A friend who I mentioned earlier, has recomended a newish design called the mini-whip. This is from a guy who lives in The Netherlands, a very good price, and if Mike recomends it, it must be pretty good.
I've always wanted to try a Wellbrook, I know you rate it well, and so does my old pal. Maybe one day.....

At the moment i'm looking at spending around £100-£150.
This might improve later IF I decide to sell my BC246T which I don't really want to do.

So untill I get a HF radio, it'll be set the mini-whip up and use it on the Icom R-20, which actually performs quite well on HF.
If performance is that good on the R-20 then I'll stick with it, but I'm not expecting it to be.

Thanks,

Andy

566. Re: Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 10:29:20 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 561 Message: 566

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., valskeptman@a...
wrote:
> I dont know exactly the cost these days of gear but I have a number
of

Hiya Ian.

Thanks for the advice.
These NRD radio's seem quite popular.....

Thanks again, very grateful.

Andy

567. Digital Frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 12:18:44 UTC
From: Shaun
Topic: 567 Message: 567

Hi

Is there any hardware or software on the market that makes it possible
to listen to digital frequecies?

Shaun

568. Re: Digital Frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 17:52:14 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 567 Message: 568

Shaun , I think the answer to this one is almost certainly "yes" but is it available to us mere mortals who have to work for a living and have a limited budget , I doubt it.

I would think such technology is only currently available to Government , Police , Military etc.

It would be good however if it was available , it would take me back to the entertaining golden days of scanning when everybody was using ananalogue mobile phones and the Police where still on there old analogue VHF sets.

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Shaun"
<jennarivo@h...> wrote:
> Hi
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> to listen to digital frequecies?
>
> Shaun

569. Re:HF Mini-whip?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 17:58:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 561 Message: 569

Andy , I wonder if you could give me more info on this mini-whip?

Is there somewhere on the web where I can get more info about it?

With regard to the HF on the Ic - R20 it is quite likely that the radio will overload , if so MFJ do a device (the 956 I think) that improves the shortwave capabilities of handheld scanners.

I used to use my Aor 8000 with one of these when I first satrted on HF , but I found that the way to go was with a dedicated table top receiver , which doesn't have to cost a fortune if you consider a second hand unit.

Best Wishes

Andrew
--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Andy Foster"
<a.foster69@n...> wrote:
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> I'm not expecting it to be.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Andy

570. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Digital Frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-11-28 19:26:40 UTC
From: promaboss@ntlworld.com
Topic: 567 Message: 570

well depends what you mean by digital,whether you mean something digital
but not encrpypted or not

if you mean the new police tetra airwave then no digital and encyrpted and
nothing will be commecially available

but some of the new digital commercial systems and the proposed digital
airband then its likely scanners willl cover such modes in future as there
is not a problem so much with people lisiteninhg in,the 999 services wanted
and got something secure ,the pmr and airband do not need that level of
security in th main

regards,paul
Original Message:

From: Shaun jennarivo@...
Date: Mon, 28 Nov 2005 12:18:44 -0000
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Digital Frequencies

Hi

Is there any hardware or software on the market that makes it possible
to listen to digital frequecies?

Shaun

Yahoo! Groups Links

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

571. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: Hello again!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-02 14:19:14 UTC
From: steve shellam
Topic: 561 Message: 571

Why dont you use a length of copper wire suspended across your washing line, to form a horozontal dipole? It needs to be at least a 1/4 of the wave length long. Unless you have a large garden it can be impractical. I think it works alot better than a whip.

Andy Foster <a.foster69@...> wrote: --- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
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Thanks,

Andy

Yahoo! Groups Links

To visit your group on the web, go to:
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/

To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
essex_shortwave_scanning-unsubscribe@...

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573. shopwatch barking

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-05 10:56:16 UTC
From: john
Topic: 573 Message: 573

there is nothing on 462.4875mhz has there been a change since the 9th book came to print

574. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] shopwatch barking

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-05 14:40:22 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 573 Message: 574
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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[ Attachment content not displayed ]
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575. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] shopwatch barking

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-05 19:23:07 UTC
From: promaboss@ntlworld.com
Topic: 573 Message: 575

441.037500 426.53750 107.2 SHOPWATCH SECURITY BARKING ESSEX FM Nov-03

we added the new one to UKSD 9 as well

regards

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

576. Hf listening & Sun cycle 23

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-07 17:42:49 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 576 Message: 576

I have been trying to work out how good the current shortwave conditions are with regard to long range listening and wether or not they are likely to improve in the near future.

My limited knowledge tells me that there is an 11 year apx. cycle of the Sun's activity that has a great effect on what can be heard on different shortwave bands.

My research so far tells me that we are currently on Sun cycle 23 which started in May 1996 and peaked in April 2000.

If my understanding is correct the peak of this cycle would have offered up the most favourable listening conditions on Hf and presumably the conditions have been getting worse as the cycle starts to move down from its peak.

Would I therefore be able to assume that we are now somewhere near the bottom of the cycle with the poorest listening conditions , can I also assume that over the next couple of years the conditions should start to improve as we head back up the cycle?

If any member knows the answers then please respond to the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

577. HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-07 19:13:03 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 577 Message: 577

Does anyone here own a Yaesu FRG-8800?

I need some help with one I've just bought.

Andy

578. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-08 02:55:40 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 577 Message: 578

What sort of help do you require?

Is the unit broken or is it just some technical advice?

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Andy Foster"
<a.foster69@n...> wrote:
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579. Yaesu FRG 8800 (re;query from Andy Foster)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-08 03:20:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 579 Message: 579

Just so we know what we're looking at I have put a couple of pictures of a Yaesu FRG 8800 receiver onto our group photos.

They are at the end of the list so just click on "show all" then view them on "Full Size".

Best Wishes

Andrew

580. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-10 10:59:25 UTC
From: Andy Foster
Topic: 577 Message: 580

--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning
" <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> What sort of help do you require?
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>
> Andrew

Hi Andrew, sorry for the late reply, I don't seem to be geting e-
mails from my groups...???

My Frog has a problem. The frequency has disapeared from the
display, and there's no audio. I've tried to reset the CPU, but it's
still the same. The display lights up and all, but no freq/display
or audio.

Very upset :~((

Andy

581. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-10 11:25:25 UTC
From: Paul Davies
Topic: 577 Message: 581

Have you checked NTL are not softbouncing your yahoo groups mail?

Log on to your yahoogroups account and reactivate.

Regards

Paul

Harlow

-----Original Message-----
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
[mailto:essex_shortwave_scanning@...]On Behalf Of Andy
Foster
Sent: 10 December 2005 10:59
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Re: HEEELP!

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Yahoo! Groups Links

582. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-11 22:50:13 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 577 Message: 582

Andy , Hmmmmm? that sounds not unsimilar from a problem that one of my Kenwood R5000,s suffered last year.

Basically what happened is that the frequency display was reduced to a series of flashing dots and the receive went completely kaput.
On researching user groups for the Kenwood R5000 I found that this was a very common problem on these radios that basically stemmed from an internal 3volt lithium battery running out of steam which in turn unlocked and basically screwed up the Phase Locked Loop (PLL) circuitry.
This internal battery was soldered into the circuit board so replacement was basically a job for a very competent radio engineer.

I took my radio to my local emporium "Waters & Stanton" who took it in for repair , they decided that it was beyond their scope and sent it up to the Midlands to an authorised Kenwood service agent.

The whole repair wasn't cheap (about £90.00) and they did a few other little bits and pieces , but when I got it back about 4 weeks later it was absolutely lovely. As far as I was concerned it was money well spent.

Now I cannot suggest that your Yaesu problem is the same , but I would start with trying to find some user groups for that model radio (search worldwide especially the United States)and see if you find similar faults and what the outcome was.

I would guess that like my Kenwood it is going to need the services of a competent radio engineer in which case the main radio emporiums would be my next line of enquiry. Even if they won't do it they will hopefully point you in the right direction of someone who will.

Not sure how much a Yaesu FRG 8800 is worth , but if it is worth it to you the your money will be well spent.

Best Wishes

Andrew

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "Andy Foster"
<a.foster69@n...> wrote:
> --- In
>
essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk, "essex_shortwave_scanning
> " <essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> > What sort of help do you require?
> >

> > Is the unit broken or is it just some technical advice?
> >
> > Best Wishes
> >
> > Andrew
>
> Hi Andrew, sorry for the late reply, I don't seem to be geting e-
> mails from my groups...???
>
> My Frog has a problem. The frequency has disapeared from the
> display, and there's no audio. I've tried to reset the CPU, but
it's
> still the same. The display lights up and all, but no freq/display
> or audio.
>
> Very upset :~((
>
> Andy

583. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-13 17:36:20 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 577 Message: 583

--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning"
<essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
> Andy , Hmmmmm? that sounds not unsimilar from a problem that one of
> my Kenwood R5000,s suffered last year.
>

Ooooh.
Shan't be getting it fixed then lol!
I paid allot for it, so I very much doubt I'll spend anymore on it.

If anyone wants to buy a Yaesu FRG-8800 for spares or repairs
then.....

Thanks Andrew,

Andy

584. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-14 20:51:54 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 577 Message: 584

The strangest thing happened today.
My frog 8800 just started working again!

And has been working all evening so far!
YIPPEEEEE!!

:~)

Any

585. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-15 03:15:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 577 Message: 585

Andy , Strange indeed?
I wonder? when it played up before had it been disconnected from the mains for any length of time? and now its working had it been connected to the mains since you last turned it on?

The reason that I ask is with regards to my previous message posting regarding the internal lithium battery on the Kenwood R5000.

I may be clutching at straws in thinking the 8800 may have similar features , but with the R5000 the internal battery will maintain memories etc for up to 10 days if the unit is disconnected from the mains. If the battery runs flat that is when the problems start with the PLL circuitry becoming unlocked.
In the trouble shooting ththey advise leaving it in standby for some hours in order to correct the problem.
I wonder if your radio has undergone a similar problem?

Best Wishes

Andrew
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> Any

586. Mini Whip antenna picture posted in group photos??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-16 03:05:42 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 586 Message: 586

I see that someone has posted a picture of a Mini-Whip antenna system in the group photos.
I haven't seen one before , it looks like some sort of active antenna system?
I wonder if anybody could tell me for what frequencies it is designed and how well does it work?

Best Wishes

Andrew

587. merry xmas

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-16 09:18:09 UTC
From: john
Topic: 587 Message: 587

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73 john m0hem
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588. Re: HEEELP!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-17 11:51:27 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 577 Message: 588

Hi Andrew.
I've since been recomeneded that there is more than likely a dry join somewhere inside. I have a friend that can correct this if it happens again.

3 people have now said the same.

I'm just happy it's working! :~))

The internal batts are in a slot on the back of the radio, and is 3x AA's. It doesn't matter if they are in or out with regards to the operation of the radio.

Thanks,

Andy

589. Re: Mini Whip antenna picture posted in group photos??

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-17 12:17:59 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 586 Message: 589

Hi again Andrew.
That was I who posted the mini-whip. I have just loaded a pic of it installed (amateurish!). I am going to get it on my chimney soon, as the way I've done it is not completely right. It needs to be high up, in open space.

It's an active antenna, designed for use on 10KHz-20Mhz.
It works well on all HF bands, and I've had good results all the way up to 31MHz (not had much time to experiment so far, watch this space!)

It was recomended to me by a friend, who I consider to be a serious, if not pro SWL. He uses a Wellbrook loop and lots of other expensive and tech SW gear. So what I'm saying is that if he has recomended it, it must be good.
Cost is 40 Euros (£28) inc. delivery.
Obviously a power supply (must be regulated) is needed.

If anymore info is required, please ask.

Regards, and Merry Xmas to all!

Andy

590. Specs. on older HF receivers,

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-17 15:44:05 UTC
From: Herbie
Topic: 590 Message: 590

Hi to all,
If it would be of use to anyone in the group regarding Specifications
of any Receivers that quite often come up on Ebay, .540 to 30 Mhz.
approximately.
I have quite a good source of information (book) covering table top
receivers from 1942 up until 1997,it covers makes from the USA,
Britian
and some European Countries.
An email to herbert@... with make and model and I will give
you
the following if it is listed, features, detailed specifications,
comments, variants, type of readout, physical size and weight, where
reviews might be found, rarity, new and used price (as of 1997) where
stated. The book is a source of information on 770 table top
receivers
from over 100 manufactures, just the information you could need when
buying a receiver on Ebay.

Happy Christmas and a good 2006 to all from Herbie....G6XOU

591. Christmas Greetings.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-25 05:40:57 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 591 Message: 591

I bid all the group members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year for 2006.

Best Wishes

Andrew

592. Re: Christmas Greetings.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-31 11:16:58 UTC
From: Gary
Topic: 591 Message: 592

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--- In
essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "essex_shortwave_scanning"
<essexshortwavescanning@y...> wrote:
>
> I bid all the group members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year
for
> 2006.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew
>

And to you too Andrew, along with the rest of the group.
Unfortunately, I'll be working overnight but I hope you all have a
great time!
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593. Happy 2006

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2005-12-31 20:22:31 UTC
From: Ian Hand
Topic: 593 Message: 593

Wishing all members a happy and prosperous 2006!

73
Ian G1DRP
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AR_88/

594. Gatwick Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-07 17:41:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 594 Message: 594

On a work related visit to Gatwick airport at 06.00 hrs this morning once clear I took the opportunity to find a spot within the airport to pitch up and put my Uniden BC246T with it's "closecall" feature into operation.

I found that the car park of the McDonald's drive through provided an ideal and discreet location to park up and see what I could find.

Over the course of 20 minutes or so I locked onto 3 main frequencies that were very busy with radio traffic , there were some others but unfortunately the level of comms was insufficient at that time of morning to determine any further detail.

Rather than use the rubber duck antenna I hooked up my scanner to a small mini-mag mount on the roof. It is made by Watson and is small , discreet and has a wideband coverage from 25mhz to at least 1300 mhz.

Anyway hear is what I heard , all three frequencies were very busy and were all broadcast in AM.

121.800mhz - this was clearly ground operations , which was quite entertaining when one of the operatives was berated for driving his vehicle under the wing of a Monarch jet as it was about to taxi.

124.225mhz - from what I could hear this one seemed to be the main tower frequency and was very busy dealing with descending flights.

126.825mhz - this one also seemed to be a tower frequency but was less busy at this time than 124.225.

Beyond this I had a hit on 134.125mhz AM which I think may have been another tower frequency but it wasn't busy enough at this time to determine any more.

Another hit came from 170.3125mhz (FM I think) again it wasn't busy but I suspect it was an airport based Taxi firm.

I hope this prooves useful to any members who get over Gatwick way. I have said it before that Uniden BC246T is a great little radio with the "closecall" feature. It sniffs out the live frequencies very quickly indeed.

On any other scanner I would have needed to be armed with a comprehensive frequency guide and a lot more patience , this radio has made things an easy pleasure.

Best Wishes

Andrew

595. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Gatwick Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-07 18:16:32 UTC
From: MARK CODY
Topic: 594 Message: 595

Hi could anybody provide freqs for HF air marine etc..

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To help you stay safe and secure online, we've developed the all new Yahoo! Security
Centre. http://uk.security.yahoo.com

596. Air & marine on HF.....(f.a.o Mark Cody)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-07 18:28:06 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 596 Message: 596

Mark , with regard to air/marine on H.F my own personal experience is that there are many hundred's of listed frequencies in use but often the communications are very intermittant with much of the time nothing being transmitted at all.

If you go into the group "Links" you will find a number of websites that will offer comprehensive frequency guides for H.F or other very useful information.

Just a couple that immeadiately come to mind are Sarwatch UK (search & rescue)and Photavia press.

Some of my favourites for monitoring are 5.680mhz usb (search & rescue) 2.182mhz usb (international maritime distress) and 6.628mhz usb (Azores air traffic control- mid atlantic).

There are hundreds more which most of the time are probably very inactive so you really do need plenty of time , patience and frequency information.

Best Wishes

Andrew

597. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Air & marine on HF.....(f.a.o Mark Cody)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-07 18:40:32 UTC
From: Robert Maskill
Topic: 596 Message: 597

essex_shortwave_scanning wrote:
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> inactive so you really do need plenty of time , patience and
> frequency information.
>
> Best Wishes
>
> Andrew
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You will find a list of 2MHz Marine stations on my coastal site
including all the UK Coastguard stations and their broadcast schedules,
this may be of interest.

http://www.coastalradio.org.uk
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Robert Maskill - G4PYR - Peterborough Cambridgeshire
" People who say it can't be done, should not interrupt those doing it"
MF Coastal Radio www.coastalradio.org.uk
Photography www.clayton-internet.co.uk
Nene Valley Railway Pictures www.trainweb.org/Nenevalley

598. New radio on it's way (well new to me).....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-07 18:49:52 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 598 Message: 598

I have won an auction on the site that has supplied a good majority of my radio kit (Ebay) for a radio that I had previously never seen before.

I have to assume that it is fairly uncommon as it is not even listed in my "Receivers Past & Present guide".

Before bidding I searched some reviews on this radio , which is a Philips D2999 but may also be badged as a "Magnavox".

The reviews were very good for a General coverage receiver , albeit not the hottest performer on sidebands.

Anyway I look forward to it arriving in the post , for any body who is interested or has not seen one of these before I have posted a couple of pictures of the actual radio that will be coming to me in the group "photo's" section.

Best Wishes

Andrew

599. realistic dx200 wanted

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-09 13:14:42 UTC
From: john
Topic: 599 Message: 599

john

600. Search & Rescue in progress.....man overboard

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-11 17:48:27 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 600 Message: 600

Bremen Coastguard currently on 2182mhz usb are organising the SAR of a 27year old male overboard from a fishing vessel in the North Sea since 15.40hrs today.

All ships have been asked to keep a sharp lookout for man in yellow oil suit with no buoyancy aids.

Best Wishes

Andrew

601. Just added a new Link.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-24 03:33:04 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 601 Message: 601

Just added a link to a radio website that I discovered whilst I was searching for some information on PMR radio frequencies.

I haven't had enough time to thoroughly perouse AJP's website , but it does look quite good.

Whilst on the subject of "Links" I would encourage all group members to look at our links section as there are lots of good radio websites.

If members would like to add to the list the all radio related entries would be welcome , assuming that they are not in there already.

Best Wishes

Andrew

602. NO TRADING OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS GROUP .....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-27 03:08:53 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 602 Message: 602

Having now witnessed on more than one occasion the bad feeling and aggravation that has culminated from people trading equipment in other Groups , I have decided on a policy for this group.

I would ask all members to refrain from buying or selling equipment in this group and advertise it in the appropriate publications, classified ads, or more likely Ebay.

I have no objection to members making reference to their Ebay auction number or where there item is advertised.

That way you may publicise it , but if the transaction goes pear shaped it will not be argued out in this forum.

I have seen what has gone on in other groups and it is not pretty , so by keeping to our initial aims everything should be peace and harmony as normal.

Thankyou all for your co-operation.

Best Wishes

Andrew

603. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] NO TRADING OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS GROUP .....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-27 11:19:21 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 602 Message: 603
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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604. Message for Duncan.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-27 17:24:37 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 604 Message: 604

That's fine Duncan , feel free to promote your group by putting it in the "Links" of this group.

I basically want to keep this group just as an information based forum and as moderator I do not wish to find myself refereeing trading disputes between members or arguments over pricing etc etc.

Unfortunately what I have seen go on in some other groups has not made for pleasant reading and has caused ill feeling between group members.

As I said in the previous message I am happy for members to refer to Ebay auction reference numbers or other mediums where their items are up for sale , but that is as far as I would like it to go,that way if there are any conflicts they won't be aired within the group.

Best Wishes

Andrew

605. Cable for kenwood

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-30 19:22:13 UTC
From: keith
Topic: 605 Message: 605

hi, hope everybodys ok,, im after an interface cable that will let me recieve and transmit sstv, rtty etc etc,, found a couple but there a standard length and i need one a lot longer,, if anyone has any info i would be very gratefull, thanks,, meatpie51,,

606. Good DX up on 156 MHz

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-01-30 21:59:14 UTC
From: Robert Maskill
Topic: 606 Message: 606

Good lift on

Lyngby Radio in Denmark heard on channel 16 (156.8 MHZ) at 2132z
Currently doing MSI Broadcast at 2154z on Channel 23 (161.750 MHz)
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Robert Maskill - G4PYR - Peterborough Cambridgeshire
" People who say it can't be done, should not interrupt those doing it"
MF Coastal Radio www.coastalradio.org.uk
Photography www.clayton-internet.co.uk
Nene Valley Railway Pictures www.trainweb.org/Nenevalley

607. RE:ic706MKIIG

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-05 19:29:42 UTC
From: Dirk
Topic: 607 Message: 607

Help I have one that is acting strange. It seems to recieve ok but no trans and as I was checking everything I noticed it was pulling 10amps in the recieve mode. If someone has a good answer for this I sure would appriciate it!! 73 Dirk

608. Frequency fro Basildon.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-13 03:30:42 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 608 Message: 608

I found this one using "closecall" on my Uniden BC246T .

It is the security for the Festival Leisure Park in Basildon , home to nightclubs and themed restaurants.

The frequency is 456.6750 mhz nfm and that will give you both the base and mobile patrols.

As you might expect it is very busy with activity when all the revellers are kicking out at nighttime.

Best Wishes

Andrew

609. 456.6750 mhz.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-17 18:46:41 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 609 Message: 609

In relation to my previous message regarding this frequency and it's use by security at the Festival Leisure Park in Basildon , it now appears that the same frequency is also being used for Shopwatch in Billericay high street.

Best Wishes

Andrew

610. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 456.6750 mhz.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-20 07:01:56 UTC
From: Paul Golder
Topic: 609 Message: 610

It's not on shortwave but I've got some radio news for you all ...

Phoenix FM in Brentwood/Billericay has just been awarded a full time FM licence :-)

----- Original Message -----
From: "essex_shortwave_scanning" <essexshortwavescanning@...>
To: <essex_shortwave_scanning@...>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 6:46 PM
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] 456.6750 mhz.....

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> use by security at the Festival Leisure Park in Basildon , it now
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611. Frequencies for Essex Prisons.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-23 17:29:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 611 Message: 611

I have come across a couple of frequencies for 2 Essex Prisons that I have not tried.
I will load them into my radio and try them out next time I am nearby, if anyone lives in either Hockley or Chelmsford maybe they could try them out and report back to the group.

Bullwood Hall female prison at Hockley 452.4750 mhz nfm (base) & 466.3750 (mobile).

Chelmsford prison 460.5375 mhz nfm (base) & 467.0375 (mobile).

I found both of these on a site that I have put in our "links" but I have also cross referenced them against the very latest and 9th edition of the UK scanning guide so one presumes they are fairly current and still in use.

Best Wishes

Andrew

612. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Frequencies for Essex Prisons.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-23 19:11:26 UTC
From: promaboss@ntlworld.com
Topic: 611 Message: 612

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166.712500 171.51250 ALIS CABS
167.250000 172.05000 UNID CAB
433.075000 434.67500 110.9 GB3ER
453.025000 459.52500 UNID SITE
453.075000 459.57500 UNID SITE
453.112500 459.61250 114.8 HIGH CHELMER SHOPPING CENTRE SECURITY
453.175000 459.67500 McDONALDS DRIVE THRU
453.750000 460.25000 BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL
453.775000 460.27500 107.2 PUBWATCH SECURITY
453.987500 460.48750 FIRST BUS
456.650000 462.15000 162.2 SHOPWATCH SECURITY [MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTRE CH4]
456.750000 462.15000 127.3 MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTRE SECURITY
459.750000 MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTRE SECURITY SPECIAL USE
460.537500 467.03750 Her Majestys Prison Chelmsford M2PG
461.462500 MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTRE SECURITY
1297.225000 1291.22500 110.9 GB3ZP

Original Message:

From: essex_shortwave_scanning essexshortwavescanning@...
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 17:29:12 -0000
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@...
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current and still in use.

Best Wishes

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Yahoo! Groups Links

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

613. Re: Frequencies for Essex Prisons.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-24 02:48:18 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 611 Message: 613

Cheers for the information Paul , I have loaded the 2 prisons into my radio now and will have a listen when in range next.

I guessed that if they were in UKSD 9 they would be ok.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> mail2web - Check your email from the web at

> http://mail2web.com/ .
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614. What's in the group??????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-24 17:28:32 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 614 Message: 614

I have felt for a while now that it would be a nice touch if Yahoo could improve the group margin by furnishing it with a little more information.

Some members may not realise that as well as the latest messages that are automatically displayed there are other pieces of useful information in the group margin.

What I would like to see is a number in brackets next to the sub heading to indicate the number of links , files etc that are in there.

I know that when new ones go on they are flashed up for 7 days but after that nothing is indicated.

Anyway our group contains the following;

Messages: 600+

Links: 50 different radio related websites to link to.

Files: 8 containing frequency listings etc.

Photos: 42 photographs

Best Wishes

Andrew

615. Southend Pubwatch / SOS Bus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-02-27 19:53:50 UTC
From: John Swarbrick
Topic: 615 Message: 615

Hi all,

Can anyone confirm the freqs being used by the Southend Pubwatch / SOS bus? I found 453.775 listed in the Proma database, but I've not heard anything in a weeks monitoring including Fri and Sat nights.

Thanks!

John

616. Re: Southend Pubwatch / SOS Bus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-02 02:38:11 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 615 Message: 616

John , I would imagine that the frequency is correct.
I wonder from what distance away you are monitoring?

Best Wishes

Andrew

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<yahoo.groups@j...> wrote:
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> Thanks!
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> John
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617. UBC-3300XLT Uniden-Bearcat & accesories

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-02 10:32:21 UTC
From: carol76arwen
Topic: 617 Message: 617

UBC-3300XLT Uniden-Bearcat Handheld Scanner. Excellent condition boxed. 25MHz to 1.3GHz * 1,000 Ch/10 Banks * 10 Priority Channels * Automatic store * Text Tags (up to 16 characters) * Scan rate: 100 ch/sec * Search rate: 100 steps/sec /Turbo rate 300 steps/sec. * Data skip feature * Selectable Attenuator * BNC antenna socket * Modes: AM, WFM, NFM.

SSE desk stand, PC interface cable and control software, Mutek Pre-Amp patch lead & discone antenna.

£150.00 the lot + p&p

email m3.aub@...

618. Re: Southend Pubwatch / SOS Bus

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-02 19:54:20 UTC
From: wayne934570
Topic: 615 Message: 618

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The only other thought i have is if the pubwatch freq is quiet try
the shopwatch one with i think is 453.1125 at southend.They may use
it for both shops and pubs now,just an idea for you to try.

Reguards Wayne

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619. Hi From Newbie (Help)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-08 17:00:48 UTC
From: david124101
Topic: 619 Message: 619

I Just Became the owner of a Yupiteru mvt 7100.I thought it would be a good way to pass some time away as i am disabled.
It was second hand so i got no manual with it.
As you can imagine I am compleatly lost.
I managed to download a manual of the web but im still no wiser how to set up and scan.
Is there any one out there who can give me advice please??
Do any of you meet up anywhere for group scanning.
I was going to go to stanstead and have a listen but no good if i dont know how to operate it.
Thanks For your time.
Yours Hopeing
Dave

620. Re: Hi From Newbie (Help)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-09 02:13:13 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 619 Message: 620

Welcome to the group Dave.

You have already done what I would have suggested by downloading a manual from the web.

I have never owned a 7100 but I know that it came about at roughly the same time and similarly priced to the AOR 8000 with similar features.

Having owned my Aor 8000 since 1997 I still ownly know my way around about 20% of it. They are both high end radios in their field and very technical.

If you haven't already done so might I also suggest , if you haven't done so already , that you join the SCANPROMAUK group and pose the same question.

Our group is very small and still growing and only has a 100 members , Scanproma however has 3500+ members and I feel certain that someone there will be able to give you a simple driving lesson on the easiest way around your Yupi 7100.

Go into our group "Links" and you will find a direct link to ScanProma.

Best Wishes

Andrew.

P.S check the group files if you want some local Essex frequencies , otherwise the 9th and latest edition of the Scanning directory is an absolutely invaluable tool.

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@....uk, "david124101" <essex.disabled.angling.club@b...> wrote:
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621. Scanning spot at Stanstead airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-09 02:21:25 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 621 Message: 621

With regard to Dave's message about having a trip to Stanstead I would like to offer my advice on a good scanning spot if your in the car and would like to be out of harm's way but within about 500 yards of the passenger terminal.

There is a large roundabout just before the passenger terminal building , 1st exit I think is long term parking or cargo , 2nd exit is for drop off outside the terminal , 3rd exit is short term parking , the next exit is the one to take .

Almost as soon as you turn off you are confronted by a mini roundabout where you need to turn left.

You sould now be on a two lane country lane and withing 75 to 100 yards there are a couple of points on both the left and right side of the road where you can park up and get scanning.

Best Wishes

Andrew

622. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-09 17:59:23 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 622

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /A Multimap map of.htm
Uploaded by : dave_tolk <dave@...>
Description : Where to park to view aircraft at Stansted

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/A%20Multimap%20map%20of.htm

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

dave_tolk <dave@...>

623. Viewing at Stansted Airport

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-09 18:02:12 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 623 Message: 623

Just an update to Andrews directions of where to park and view for Stansted have a look at this map, This is where we all go to, It's the only place really, Good view of the whole runway.

Regards...Dave

624. New file uploaded to essex_shortwave_scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-09 18:18:28 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.u
Topic: 38 Message: 624

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Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the essex_shortwave_scanning
group.

File : /Stansted View.bmp
Uploaded by : dave_tolk <dave@...>
Description : Where to view at Stansted Airport

You can access this file at the URL

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essex_shortwave_scanning/files/Stansted%20View.bmp

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit

http://help.yahoo.com/help/uk/groups/files

Regards,

dave_tolk <dave@...>
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625. Cheers Dave.....Re; Stanstead Airport map

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-10 02:38:45 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 625 Message: 625

It looks like that it is the same road that I was suggesting for a couple of listening spots, but just much further round on the other side of the airport.

I have only been up to Stanstead in the early hours when it is dark , so thanks to you Dave next time I can have a mooch round the otherside and get a look at the runway.

Best Wishes

Andrew

626. scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-14 19:17:00 UTC
From: paul_j_c2000
Topic: 626 Message: 626

Hi i am a past scanner who is thinking of getting back into the hobby,is there anything left to listen to ?,it seems that with the digital age the airwaves are dead or am i missing something?i live in harlow are there any freqs that are good is it true that you cant moniter the police anymore any help will be apreciated paul

627. Re: scanning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-15 02:28:17 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 626 Message: 627

Welcome back Paul,

Sadly I have to report that the Police have now gone digital in virtually all areas and we are therefore no longer able to eavesdrop there.

I don't know how long you have been away for , but in the last 5/6 years we have also lost all the mobile phones to digital encryption.

Everything else though is still there , Fire , Ambulance , Aircraft, Military , Private Mobile Radio, Old analogue cordless phones.

So there is still plenty to listen to if you know where to look.

Go to the group "Links" and you will find lots of avenues to lots of information , also check out the group "Files" for frequency info and also make sure you join the ScamProma UK group , they have 3500+ members and are a fantastic source of information.

Also invest in the latest and 9th edition of The UK scanning directory. If you look on Ebay they can be picked up from about £12.00 but pay no more than £19.75.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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628. Stanstead Airport , Dave....another scanning spot.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-16 02:56:02 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 628 Message: 628

Dave , I was up at Stanstead this afternoon and was attempting to find by memory the location that you had identified on the map that you posted in "Files". I failed due to my memory not your directions.

I have now consulted an Ordanance Survey map and your spot appears to offer a view over the central area of the runway near the village of Tye Green.

I took a left turn about half a mile or so after the turn on my right that goes to Molehill Green.

As I turned in there were some brand new industrial/office units and a single track lane with a few small dwellings. I carried on and after about 3/4s of a mile I found myself at the runway perimiter fence by some emergency access gates. I reversed back out of the way of the gates with plenty of room to park.

What a great place for "closecall" scanning the planes that had landed were turning around right in front of me.

The only draw back was that the end of the lane is in a dip below the runway so the view is not good , but for radio purposes it is nice and discreet.

If any one wants to go to this location look at an ordnance survey map and look for the village of MOLEHILL GREEN follow the road NORTHWEST and a turning on the left will come up at the hamlet of GAUNT'S END , just follow the single track lane all the way to the end and you will be at the perimeter fence at the end of the runway. The track is perfectly suitable for motor vehicles.

Anyhow Dave , next time I will now know where to go for the TYE GREEN viewing point.

Best Wishes

Andrew

629. Frequency ? re; Stanstead Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-16 03:03:05 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 629 Message: 629

I found the flight I was listening for coming in on 123.8mhz on Stanstead tower.

Does anyone know of any comms frequency that is used by the aircraft once they are down and making their way to the terminal building.

Best Wishes

Andrew

630. Re: Frequency ? re; Stanstead Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-16 17:16:49 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 629 Message: 630

Here Andrew try these.
Regards...Dave

BTW. if you drive a little further along that road it's a lond stright bit of road bout 1/4 mile long and theres gaps all along the side where we all stand, Head for Burton End thats the place.

Frequency Country User TAD Stud Notes Use Info
Unit Remarks ICAO Type
114.55 UK London Stansted Atis
45047 EGSS Civ
114.55 UK London Stansted Atis
EGSS Airport
120.625 UK London Stansted Rad
EGSS Airport
121.725 UK London Stansted Gnd
Crash Vechicles EGSS Airport
121.95 UK London Stansted Ground
Delivery EGSS
122.05 UK London Stansted Handling Ops
EGSS Civ
123.8 UK London Stansted [P] Twr
EGSS Civ
125.55 UK London Stansted Twr
EGSS Airport
126.95 UK London Stansted Rad
EGSS Airport
127.175 UK London Stansted Atis
EGSS Civ
129.7 UK London Stansted Inflite Ops
EGSS Civ
129.75 UK London Stansted Ops
Air UK EGSS Civ
130.175 UK London Stansted United Parcels Ops
EGSS Civ
130.375 UK London Stansted FLS + Ops
EGSS Airport
130.575 UK London Stansted Universal Ops
EGSS Civ
130.6 UK London Stansted Servisair Ops
EGSS Civ
130.625 UK London Stansted Ops
British World/Titan EGSS Airport
131.775 UK London Stansted TNT Ops
EGSS Civ

131.825 UK London Stansted Federal Express Ops
EGSS Airport
131.975 UK London Stansted Ryan Air Ops
EGSS Airport
455.55 UK LONDON STANSTED AIRPORT TOWER TO GROUND

455.65 UK London Stansted Airport Crash Ops

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> Andrew
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631. Re: Frequency ? re; Stanstead Airport.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-16 17:27:50 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 629 Message: 631

Andrew i knew i had some more somewhere, These should keep you busy for a bit.

Regards...Dave

114.55 Atis STANSTED AIRPORT
120.625 RADAR STANSTED AIRPORT
121.725 GROUND STANSTED AIRPORT
121.95 Ground Delivery STANSTED AIRPORT
122.05 SWISSPORT HANDLING OPS STANSTED AIRPORT
122.275 Hijack Negotiation Stansted Airport STANSTED AIRPORT
123.8 TOWER STANSTED AIRPORT
125.55 TOWER Limited Use STANSTED AIRPORT
126.95 LONDON TCC-D (S) STANSTED AIRPORT
126.95 RADAR STANSTED AIRPORT
127.175 Atis STANSTED AIRPORT
130.175 RYANAIR OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
130.575 HARRODS AVIATION HANDLING OPS STANSTED AIRPORT
130.6 SERVISAIR HANDLING OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
130.625 RYANAIR OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
130.625 ZAP OPS TITAN AIRWAYS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.4 RYANAIR OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.475 FEDEX OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.575 AVIANCE HANDLING OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.6 RYANAIR OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.675 OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.775 TNT AIRWAYS OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRPORT
131.975 RYANAIR ENGINEERING OPERATIONS STANSTED AIRRPORT
167.3625 172.1625 STANSTED AIRPORT CARS STANSTED AIRPORT
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632. International Marconi Day -- Saturday 22nd April 2006

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-30 16:43:45 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 632 Message: 632

From an article in the April edition of Radio User magazine the Sandford Mill radio museum at Chelmsford will be open to the public between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Apparently The Chelmsford Amateur radio society will be operating a 2metre broadcast station from there on the day.

This venue is only open 5 times a year and admission and parking are free.

Best Wishes

Andrew

633. headphones

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-03-31 21:11:23 UTC
From: typescale
Topic: 633 Message: 633

Hello. I am new to the group and new to shortwave listening so please make allowances for my lack of knowledge. I have just bought a Kenwood R-1000 and would like know if I can listen with an indoor aerial and would also like hear any recommendations you might have for headphones for SW listening.

Many thanks.

Graham

634. Re: headphones

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-01 09:21:58 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 633 Message: 634

Hi Graham, You wont go far wrong if you treat yourself to a pair of Sennheiser PX 100 Black Headphones they are fantastic light weight you wont know you have them on. As for better reception i use a Wellbrook ALA 1530 loop for s/w and outside simply the best.

Regards...Dave

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> for SW listening.
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> Many thanks.
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> Graham
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635. Re: headphones

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-03 01:15:21 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 633 Message: 635

Welcome aboard Graham , I have to echo and fully endorse the reply that Dave has given you with regard to use of headphones and an antenna.

I have recently invested in a set of MFJ 259 headphones from Waters & Stanton for about £35.00 and I have been very pleased with the results. My only criticism was that they din't come with a 3.5mm mono jack as well as the large phono one , so I had to pop down Maplin's and get one.

I don't know where you are going with your SW listening , if it is mainly commercial broadcast then with your Kenwood R1000 you have got a nice radio (I have one too as you might have seen from my shack photo's).

I like to listen to a lot of sideband activity such as amateur bands and search and rescue etc.

One of my considered best buys for the hobby has been a couple of BHI DSP (digital signal processing)extension speakers. They are fantastic and filter out all the crap and noise leaving nice clear listening to enjoy. They are expensive but they are invaluable and I would not part with them.
I don't think however they offer any value if you just listen to commercial SW as they come into their own on the sidebands.

With regard to what Dave said about antenna's. I too have a Wellbrook ALA 1530 mounted outside (see photo's). I consider it to be the single most important investment that I have made so far with this hobby. My receivers were brought to life when I hooked up this antenna , it truly is fantastic , but once again it isn't cheap.

However with most things in life you get what you pay for. It is a nice and easy antenna to erect and I have not been dissapointed with the results.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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> Graham
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636. Message for Graham.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-03 01:21:54 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 636 Message: 636

Sorry Graham I forgot about your initial question with regard to mounting an antenna indoors.

Outside is generally best , but there are plenty of compact antennas for SW that can be used indoors (including A Wellbrook loop indoor model).

However if you want good results I really think you need to head outside , you don't have to have a huge garden , the loop antenna's are only a 1 metre diameter.

Best Wishes

Andrew

P.s In my loft I have an RF systems Magnetic transfer mini-windom wire antenna that has always been quite effective , although it is no match for my loop.

637. Correction to headphone model number.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-04 00:56:24 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 637 Message: 637

In my previous message I said my MFJ headphones were model number 259.
I must have been thinking about coaxial plugs.
The headphones are infact MFJ 392.

Best Wishes

Andrew

638. Headphones

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-04 06:38:05 UTC
From: typescale
Topic: 638 Message: 638

Many thanks for your help and advice Dave and Andrew. I think it is time for me to venture north of the Thames to visit Waters and Stanton.

Regards,

Graham

639. Re: Coming north of the Thames.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-05 01:27:26 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 638 Message: 639

Graham if you do come over this side you do not have to come as far as Waters & Stanton.
Just five minutes after exiting the Dartford tunnel you will find just off of the A13, Haydon Communications , another fine purveyor of radio gear.
If you go into the group links you will find a link to their website.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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640. ANALOG SOLID STATE SHORT WAVE RADIOS OF THE 70S

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-05 05:57:50 UTC
From: mintaka capella
Topic: 640 Message: 640

Hello everybody. I am looking for an ANALOG solid state short wave receiver manufactured around the 70s. Can somebody tell me the top 5 models of the era?Your assistance is grately appreciated. Thank you.

Hanafi

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641. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] ANALOG SOLID STATE SHORT WAVE RADIOS OF THE 70S

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-05 08:49:56 UTC
From: JIM GRIFFITHS
Topic: 640 Message: 641

in what sort of price range? I managed a radio shop them days and sets started at around ?60.00 and went to about ?3000.00
jim

mintaka capella <mintaka_capella@...> wrote:
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642. My best advice re; obtaining a 1970's analogue radio.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-05 15:27:51 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 642 Message: 642

If you take a look at photograph no.22 in the misc. album in the group "photos" you will see a picture of a large book called "SHORTWAVE RECEIEVERS PAST & PRESENT".

This book is huge and of similar size to a telehone directory with hundreds of pages.

It details all the radio manufacturers both current and past from 1942 until 1997 and virtually all the models of radio that they produced.

It tells you all you need to know about each model i.e the specifications, the price at new and the current used value , how it is rated etc etc.

I have a copy of this book and it is excellent.

I would suggest that you get a copy and then set about finding the radio that you would like to obtain.

The only place that I know of where you can get this book is through PW (Practical Wireless) publishing. They will have a book order form in any of their magazines such as Practical Wireless , Radio User or any old copy of SWM (shortwave magazine).

Best Wishes

Andrew

643. My new scanning antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-06 18:12:27 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 643 Message: 643

Hi all, just thought i would share something with you all that has totally blown me away, I went down to waters and stanton today to pick up my new scanning antenna and had i nice little chat whilst i was there, if you have never been to waters and stanton what a great place lots and lots of gear, they had one receiver there worth £7000 but i declined the offer how would i explain that one when i got home very nice piece of kit though, anyway my new antenna is the MFJ 1864 i have just finished putting it up and WOW somebody pinch me am i really picking up these comms so far away but yes it's true i have never ever had a antenna like this simply awsome comes to mind bought me self another pole aswell 10'' and it's up on that on the side of the house oh man this is something else it out performs my discone by 50 % comes with it's own power supply and signal booster, hers the link have a look it's a must for the serious scanner user.

http://www.norad.dk/mfj/antennas/mfj1864.htm

Regards...Dave very happy

644. Re: My new scanning antenna

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-06 19:38:25 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 643 Message: 644

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645. Re: My new scanning antenna.....Questions????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-07 02:11:45 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 643 Message: 645

This sounds very good Dave , it is also something different from the normal discone or scantick offerings that we see advertised everywhere.

Is this a new model of antenna?

How much is it?

What is the exact frequency coverage?

I wonder if the amplification involved is just providing similar results to those I get when I use my M75 pre-amp?

I am sure that this wasn't in the latest W & S catalogue so can I assume that it is a new product?

Best Wishes

Andrew

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646. Re: My new scanning antenna.....Questions????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-07 15:22:37 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 643 Message: 646

Andrew, Have a look at the link to the antenna i included in my original post, It gives all the answers to the question you asked apart from the price which was £68.00 The 10' pole i bought was £20.00 and i am using RG-213 low loss.

Regards...Dave

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647. Re: My new scanning antenna.....Questions????????

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-09 11:47:29 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 643 Message: 647

Hi all, Just a update on how my new antenna is performing.

I live in a small village in a low area as the crow flies approx 9/10 miles from Stanted Airport and with my old discone i could easily pick up radar 126.95 and app 120.625 the tower 123.8 was just about readable but with lots of noise and the ground 121.725 you might as well not bother. But now the tower and the ground is as clear as a bell, I can pick up Southend - Stapleford - North weald - Luton - Elstree - Duxford - And Cambridge so much has improved here.

Cordless is better Fire & Ambo also, It's all hooked up to my Yaesu VR-500 and i am getting full scale readings.

Just moving on to HF to see whats thats like, I will let you know tho outcome soon.

Regards...Dave

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648. West London Radio Show - Kempton Park Racecourse 7/5/2006

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-04-26 01:53:35 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 648 Message: 648

Sunday 7th May will see the return to Kempton Park Racecourse of the West London Radio show.

Since the demise of Picketts Lock and it's replacements at Stevenage and Ware that now seem to have been discontinued.

This is the only current regular good sized rally for people in London and the surrounding counties.

I will hopefully be going again particualrly as by that date I hope to have passed my Amateur Radio foundation licence exam.

Anyway for all the details that you will need have a look in the group "Links" and you will find a dedicated website for the show by looking for "West London Radio Show".

Best Wishes

Andrew

649. Colchester freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-04 05:21:15 UTC
From: wayne934570
Topic: 649 Message: 649

Hi all,does anyone on the group have a up to date list of freqs for Colchester.I am in the area a fair bit for my work at the moment and it would help in passing the time of day to have some verbal company to listern to ! ive got the freqs of the proma database but would love any other information from this group.I have the following taxis freqs but dont know which firms they are,again any i.d s would be great.

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Reguards Wayne

650. Re: Colchester freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-06 18:37:50 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 649 Message: 650

This is damned frustrating - on Thursday a morning I did a detailed reply to this post and one on Scanproma UK and neither have appeared.

Anyway Wayne go into the group "Files" and you will be able to download a number of different documents with regard to frequencies in Essex.

With Colchester being a large Garrison town there must be loads of stuff to listen to. I would thouroughly recommend that you also thumb through the 9th edition of the UK scanning directory and look for Colchester frequencies there. I am sure there will be lots.

Best Wishes

Andrew

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651. Re: Colchester freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-07 00:44:46 UTC
From: wayne934570
Topic: 649 Message: 651

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Thanks for your help and advice Andrew.

Best reguards Wayne

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652. WEST LONDON RADIO SHOW 7TH MAY , 2006.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-10 01:30:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 652 Message: 652

Did anyone on the group attend this event?

I did and had a thoroughly good couple of hours looking around and spending money.

The only complaint is that from Essex the Kempton Park racecourse venue is a bit of a chore to get to , otherwise a good afternoon out.

In one of my previous posts I mentioned that I was going to take the foundation amateur radio exam.

I passed on 26th April , 2006 and my callsign is M3 ZTW.

AT the show I purchased a Yaesu 7800E 2m/70cms transceiver so once I have rigged up a suitable antenna I shall hopefully be on the air.

Needless to say I will not be neglecting my scanning activities or shortwave listening , in fact by being able to talk to other radio operators and enthusiasts I hope to extend my knowledge and learning even further.

Best Wishes

Andrew

653. Scanner For Sale?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-16 00:58:19 UTC
From: Elliot
Topic: 653 Message: 653

Hi everyone,

I used to have a scanner but sold it and now I regret it !
Anyone have Scanners for sale?

Any info would be great.

Thanks,

Ell
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/essexfuntimes
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/scott2hot

654. need help

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-20 23:03:32 UTC
From: kir5t2004
Topic: 654 Message: 654

can anyone advise me on police and ambulance scaning im in southend

655. RE: [essex_shortwave_scanning] need help

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-20 23:11:44 UTC
From: promaboss@ntlworld.com
Topic: 654 Message: 655

police have been on airwave tetra a digital trunk encrypted net for 2 yrs

so sorry nothing to listen to except some digital buz T 390 MHZ

regards paul

Original Message:

From: kir5t2004 kir5t2004@....uk
Date: Sat, 20 May 2006 23:03:32 -0000
To: essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk
Subject: [essex_shortwave_scanning] need help

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Yahoo! Groups Links

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

656. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] need help

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-21 09:40:34 UTC
From: Duncan Hawkins
Topic: 654 Message: 656

Look between 166.000 and 166.800 for ambulances.

Duncan.

On 5/21/06, promaboss@ntlworld.com <promaboss@ntlworld.com> wrote:
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> so sorry nothing to listen to except some digital buz T 390 MHZ
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> regards paul
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> Date: Sat, 20 May 2006 23:03:32 -0000
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657. Diary Date -- Sunday 28th May , 2006

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-05-22 02:04:19 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 657 Message: 657

Two events for your diary are coming up this Sunday.

First of all Waters & Stanton in Hockley , Essex , the local emporium for all things radio are holding their annual open day. It's a good event with free food & drink , lots of bargains but very little parking- anyway go to their website for the full details (you can get there via the group "links")

Once you've done that if you feel brave you can battle the traffic into Southend On Sea for the annual Bank Holiday airshow and try out any new scanners or equipment.

If you don't have a "closecall" equipped radio then make sure you pre-program some frequencies or take your canning directory with you.

Best Wishes

Andrew

659. GRE PSR 255 Scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2006-07-07 10:22:46 UTC
From: frank_metcalf
Topic: 659 Message: 659

Hi,

I have just bought a GRE PSR 255 scanner second-hand and it has come without instructions (I know I should have checked before buying but.....).

I am having trouble using it and wondered if any one could let me have a set of instructions or give me some hints on how to use it.

Best wishes

Frank Metcalf

660. Happy New Year.....

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-01-02 17:02:57 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 660 Message: 660

Yes , it's 2007 and despite a lack of postings this group is still alive and has plenty of interesting links and files.
The last 6 months have seen me occupied in other areas but I am still involved in the hobby when time allows.

Anyway to all members I wish you a happy and prosperous 2007.

Best Wishes

Andrew

661. thank you

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-01-30 10:23:18 UTC
From: john otoole
Topic: 661 Message: 661

for letting me join your group

73 john
please feel free to sign my guestbook

http://users.smartgb.com/g/g.php?a=s&i=g11-01363-e0&m=05

Now you can scan emails quickly with a reading pane. Get the new Yahoo! Mail.

664. Re: Kenwood R5000

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-02-12 02:02:12 UTC
From: essex_shortwave_scanning
Topic: 664 Message: 664

Welcome to the group John.
As the owner of 2 R5000's I can recommend them as a fantastic receiver.

However do be aware that they have a common fault with regard to an internally fitted lithium battery that runs out of power.
When this happens the PLL circuitry that controls the frequency and tuning and memories basically breaks down.
When this happens the frequency display numerics are replaced with a series of dots and the radio becomes useless.

Now this isn't the end of the world and the problem can be resolved with the soldering in of a new battery. This job should only be tackled by someone who is skillful in printed circuitry soldering.

When this happened to one of my radios I sent it away to Castle Electronics who fixed it and gave it a full bench test for about £80.00 and it is now as good as new.

Obviously because these radios are long since discontinued you will have to source one from the 2nd hand market so before buying consider the above info.

If you look in the group "links" there is loads of info on the Kenwood R5000 group about this particular fault.

Best Wishes

Andrew

665. job opening for sw* *Engineering and Development *

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-04-21 15:18:57 UTC
From: moon ever93
Topic: 665 Message: 665

Position Type Full time position

Work Experience
? Software Engineer (Must have 1 years experience)
? Manager of Software Engineering (Nice to have 1-3 years experience)

Skill Requirements
? UNIX ? OOP
? Embedded Systems ? C
? C++
- Experience in programming with basic operating system concepts including: process management, memory management, threads, libraries, security protocols, filesystems, and logical volume manager.

- Software test skills, especially at the System Test Level.

- C programming/debugging skills.

Job Description
Lead technical aspects of development of embedded, real-time, safety critical software for actuation systems
- The scope of this project is to (1) test new hardware and software line items in a N release and (2) test new systems on
.....

more information :
http://cesw.org/partnerships.htm

Ahhh...imagining that irresistible "new car" smell?
Check outnew cars at Yahoo! Autos.

666. this site worth looking at as i went to see them over the weekend and

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-05-03 12:25:58 UTC
From: john otoole
Topic: 666 Message: 666

this site worth looking at as i went to see them over the weekend and
also some local ham radio guys there

73 john m0hem

http://www.essexkitegroup.co.uk

667. m0hem

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-06-12 13:40:29 UTC
From: john otoole
Topic: 667 Message: 667

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnY_LQ9Wfqk

668. Re: m0hem

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-06-12 16:39:56 UTC
From: Dirk
Topic: 667 Message: 668

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "john otoole"
<m0hemjohnotoole2001@...> wrote:
>
> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnY_LQ9Wfqk
>
Ok. So the reason that was posted? I feel that I am missing
something. Sorry, maybe I'm slow but I still don't get why I watched
it. 73's

670. Essex Ambulance Service switched to Airwave

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-06-28 10:03:28 UTC
From: just_bytesize
Topic: 670 Message: 670

Essex ambulance switched to Airwave at midnight on Tuesday 26th June.

Essex ambulance are part of the East of England ambulance service covering Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

I have been unable to confirm if the other ambulance services from the list above have switched to Airwave or not - can people on the group check their local channels?

Each ambulance has a mobile airwave set, plus two handsets for the use of the crew.

671. Re: Essex Ambulance Service switched to Airwave

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2007-06-29 05:44:18 UTC
From: just_bytesize
Topic: 670 Message: 671

Sorry, my information was incorrect - it is currently only Essam South (Southend, Basildon, Thurrock) which has switched to airwave.

I can confirm that 166.4750 is completely silent.

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@yahoogroups.co.uk, "just_bytesize" <yahoo.groups@...> wrote:
>
> Essex ambulance switched to Airwave at midnight on Tuesday 26th June.
>
> Essex ambulance are part of the East of England ambulance service
> covering Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk
> and Suffolk.
>
> I have been unable to confirm if the other ambulance services from the
> list above have switched to Airwave or not - can people on the group
> check their local channels?
>
> Each ambulance has a mobile airwave set, plus two handsets for the use
> of the crew.
>

693. U. S. World Radio Discussion Group (I n v i t a t i o n)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2008-03-13 11:30:13 UTC
From: Antônio Schuler
Topic: 693 Message: 693

Dear friends

You're invited to U.S. & World Radio Discussion Group.

This is a discussion group for those interested in U.S. & World Radio, covering traditional, terrestrial broadcast, international shortwave and satellite radio. If it has to do with local, regional, domestic U.S. or international radio, or just plain general radio, and you have an interest, we invite you to join.

Whether you are a current, seasoned radio profesional, or someone who just has an interest, or possibly a radio historian, you are invited to share your radio stories, photos and sound from the past while we also look at present day radio and its future.

To join us:
http://groups. yahoo.com/ group/usworldrad io

Greetings!!

Antônio Schuler
Moderator

694. A list of Software that we must have on our computer

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2008-08-12 03:44:33 UTC
From: ashtona78
Topic: 694 Message: 694

We don't have to spend fortunes to get software for different applications. They are available in plenty as freeware.

Have a look at a list of all essential software that are available for free here: http://freesoftware.internethunter.info

695. braintree frequencies

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2008-11-27 09:50:13 UTC
From: harryboy_uk2000
Topic: 695 Message: 695

hi all ,anyone know who im picking up on these with
ubc92xlt,,145.687,,145.650,,165.440,,166.2675,,169.970,,171.0625,,430.85
00..any help appreciated
bob

696. HELP PLEASE!!!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2008-11-29 20:38:53 UTC
From: bazzabrook
Topic: 696 Message: 696

Hi there i am using a discone in my loft can only use the loft as i am in a rented house can anyone tell me if there is a better one i could use thanks in advance Bazza

697. GRE -255 scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2009-02-20 16:47:18 UTC
From: bobthe008
Topic: 697 Message: 697

Hello just aquired a GRE-255 scanner does anybody know how to get the best reception out if them and what frequencies to listen to

BOB

698. Re: GRE -255 scanner

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2009-02-22 18:21:12 UTC
From: connorsmithers@ymail.com
Topic: 697 Message: 698

--- In essex_shortwave_scanning@..., "bobthe008"
<bobthe008@...> wrote:
>
> Hello just aquired a GRE-255 scanner does anybody know how to get
> the best reception out if them and what frequencies to listen to
>
>
> BOB
>
yeah high bob i can tell you some frequencies if you tell me what area
you live in of essex and i will compile a list for you

699. electronic

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2009-02-24 09:04:34 UTC
From: oz2233dr
Topic: 699 Message: 699

trad one eletronic shopping center or edr,they experimental radio amatuers in denmark

700. Essex County Council Security - County Hall, Chelmsford

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2009-07-14 21:05:21 UTC
From: s_t_e_v_e_no1
Topic: 700 Message: 700

Frequency: 165.725 MHz
Subtone (if any): Unknown
Location details: 51.734789, 0.47003 / CM1 1QH

This message is for information only and should not be used in conjunction with any radio equipment or listening devices: see
http://ofcom.org.uk/radiocomms/ifi/enforcement/guidance

701. north east essex freqs

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2009-08-21 06:58:31 UTC
From: mbareham
Topic: 701 Message: 701

here are some freqs for the clacton area, 161.15-gunfleet offshore windfarm ,165.77-clacton and frinton beach petrol, 446.9875-bbc essex OB, 456.025- clacton shop and pub watch

702. My little video

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-02-08 15:53:43 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 702 Message: 702

Hi to all. I'm Tiffi , and I have create my little new erotic clip. Is it looks OK?
http://shrtb.us/rn

704. Best adult jokes!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-02-10 17:21:14 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 704 Message: 704

New clip jokes over all internet.
http://pw.ly/funiest

705. Fun clip

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-02-12 00:46:07 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 705 Message: 705

O-hoo! Have you SEEN? incredibly!
Its so fun!
http://klist.org/au

706. Shocking Celebs Clips (some nudity)

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-02-15 10:26:07 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 706 Message: 706

Entirely free SHOKING video clips collected and posted from users all over the Net.
Rebecca Corry, Whitney Cummings, Charles Divins, Lanre Idewu, Richie Keen, and more!
http://afx.cc/cuw

707. Sotted Politics

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-02-17 17:53:38 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 707 Message: 707

Oho-ho Biggest digest of small fun videos with sotted political leaders. Its really fun!
http://go-url.in/g4

708. My Newbie Clip

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-09 09:28:36 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 708 Message: 708

Hi all. I am Agnes and I have produse my small first erotic clip. Is it looks normal?
http://griseldalurl.dreamstation.com

709. just a FUN!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-14 12:36:49 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 709 Message: 709

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O-hoo! Have you SEEN? incredibly!
Its so fun!
http://pt.ro/fun
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710. Shocking Celebs Clips!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-15 16:34:06 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 710 Message: 710

Entirely free SHOKING video clips collected and posted from users all over the Net.
Rebecca Corry, Whitney Cummings, Katie Gill, Chelsea Handler, Richie Keen, and more!
http://pt.ro/fun

711. Postcard received

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-18 13:22:42 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 711 Message: 711

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You've received a postcard
Click here to read
http://afx.cc/postcard-126231
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713. Hi, its me

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-25 10:41:16 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 713 Message: 713

Hi! This is my short video gift for You
http://afx.cc/present

714. Who is this actor?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-03-29 13:36:37 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 714 Message: 714

Who is this actor? im pretty sure hes famous but i need to know who he is?
http://afx.cc/whois

715. Amazing clips for You

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-04-08 08:00:42 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 715 Message: 715

Hottest collection of amazing clips with celebrities. NAKED Jennifer!
http://kl.am/a8xs

716. Demo clip

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-12 08:55:10 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 716 Message: 716

Have You Seen This Clip? Impossible! Is it true?
http://smrls.tk/56

717. Virus warning

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-12 22:45:11 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 717 Message: 717

We have noticed some unusual activity from Your Yahoo account.
For more information regarding current (virus) activity, please check out
http://afx.cc/avir

718. My first clip

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-14 07:40:09 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 718 Message: 718

Hi. My name is Helga, Im 17en. Ive cast a clip with me naked. Is it looks good?
http://afx.cc/helga

719. Amazing news

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-15 14:57:38 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 719 Message: 719

Have You seen this drunk man? He is our political leader!
http://pt.ro/clip12

720. Ufo? Ufo!

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-16 10:46:00 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 720 Message: 720

New shocking nasa ufo footage
http://dod.se/ufo

722. Yeti on Mars?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-05-18 21:31:44 UTC
From: brockmeierrx38ekp
Topic: 722 Message: 722

Bigfoot on Mars? NASA captures alien figure.
http://pt.ro/yeti

723. cb radio from oz2233dr radio scanner 2,meter,or228vhf radio operatuer skibsradio

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2010-09-16 01:35:01 UTC
From: dixi01dk
Topic: 723 Message: 723

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edr hav one frekvenslist,de experimenterende radio amatører,iaro standig some international radio amatuers,via amsat radio amatuers service netwerk,hav one neis summer.

728. 150 Premium Woodworking Videos .

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-04-22 00:22:40 UTC
From: For Your Home
Topic: 728 Message: 728

Attention All Woodworkers!

Videos on Building Custom Furniture, Chairs & Tables For Your Home

Download Now : http://sqweer.info/16000-woodworking-projects-and-plans.html

737. Are You Ready For A Lifestyle Change?

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-05-04 00:58:27 UTC
From: Jobs >> Available
Topic: 737 Message: 737

WANTED: People To Work From Home

Must Have Computer

We Are Looking For Qualified People Who Are Willing To Fill Out

Surveys Online. You Will Be Compensated For Your Time.

Pay Ranges From $10 to $25 Per Hour.

You Can Recieve A Paycheck By the End of The Week

Join Now : http://dynaqw.info/get-paid-taking-surveys.html

743. Legit Online Jobs Newsletter

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-05-10 02:06:24 UTC
From: Legit Online Jobs
Topic: 743 Message: 743

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The affiliate software that makes $39,783 in just
60 days at the push of a button is here, and it?s
not hanging around >>>
http://dynaqw.info/legit-online-jobs.html
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744. spy cell phone = You Simply CANNOT Trust Some People ..

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-05-11 01:21:06 UTC
From: Spy Cell Phone
Topic: 744 Message: 744

wherever you are, from your cell phone or computer?

Track EVERY Move Your Partner, Employee or Child is Making Using Our POWERFUL Cell-Phone Monitoring Technology!

Download Now : http://dynaqw.info/mobile-spy-software.html

746. Unique Methods You Won’t Find ANYWHERE ELSE

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-05-12 23:57:49 UTC
From: Sexier Looking
Topic: 746 Message: 746

Increase Your Height 2-4 Inches

How a New Discovery Made A Short Man 2-4 Inches Taller In 6 Weeks
I Discovered the Secret to Add Several Inches of Solid Height to Anyone,
No Matter What Your Age Is... Even If You Haven't Grown in Years!

Click here ===>> http://dynaqw.info/increase-our-height.html

748. Up to $$ 5.381 Every Single Day

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2012-05-15 00:17:49 UTC
From: Top Secret
Topic: 748 Message: 748

The 'Secret' Affiliate System That GENERATED
$24,869 In 31 Days, plus How To Double Your Profits By Using The Hidden Power of Ninja

Click here >>> http://aselwall.info/auto-mass-traffic-generation-software.html

845. HAV ONE NEYS DAY

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2013-03-05 22:53:09 UTC
From: dixi01dk
Topic: 845 Message: 845

TIS IS ARE NOW ONE CHANGCE FOER CB RAIO ORSORTWAVE OMMUNICATION,MV ALL NEED ONE GOOD TIME TO ONE NEW SUMMER IN THIS YEAR,From OZ2233Dr@...-151betatekniskbradio.dk

846. HAV ONE NEYS DAY

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2013-03-05 22:53:48 UTC
From: dixi01dk
Topic: 845 Message: 846

TIS IS ARE NOW ONE CHANGCE FOER CB RAIO ORSORTWAVE OMMUNICATION,MV ALL NEED ONE GOOD TIME TO ONE NEW SUMMER IN THIS YEAR,From OZ2233Dr@...-151betatekniskbradio.dk

1046. Web Design Course for beginners with practice certificate

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2015-09-25 08:41:42 UTC
From: iCompany Training Center
Topic: 1046 Message: 1046

iCompany TrainingCenter organizes the Web Design (HTML,CCS, Wordpress, SEO) practical online course for beginners.

Detailsabout course: http://icompany.training/course/web-design-beginner-course-online/

You canregister via the online form.

Thetheoretical modules and practical exercises are the same with the ones for theWeb Design Course –Level 1 which is held at our office. The student covers foreach module the theoretical material and based on it, he resolves the practical exercises. For eachexercise the student gets feedbackfrom his instructor. At the end ofthe course, after he successfully resolved all the exercises, he gets a graduation certificate by post.

Cost: 45 USD

Benefits:

- You will acquire HTML, CSS, Wordpress and SEO (Search Engine Optimization) knowledge.

- Experience. You will have created your first website.

- (For students/masters) You will receive a practice certificate required by your college.

- You will receive a graduation certificate in English useful to get a job at firms in your country and abroad.

If you haveany questions you can write to us: office@icompany.training

1047. Web Design Course for beginners – 30 $

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2015-10-28 10:36:57 UTC
From: iCompany Training Center
Topic: 1047 Message: 1047

iCompany TrainingCenter organizes the Web Design (HTML,CCS, Wordpress, SEO) practical

onlinecourse for beginners.

Detailsabout course: http://icompany.training/course/web-design-beginner-course-online/

You canregister via the online form.

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Cost: 79→ 30$

Benefits:

- You will acquire HTML, CSS, Wordpress and SEO (Search Engine Optimization) knowledge.

- Experience. You will have created your first website.

- (For students/masters) You will receive a practice certificate required by your college.

- You will receive a graduation certificate in English useful to get a job at firms in your country and abroad.

If you have any questions you can write tous: office@...

1048. Re: [essex_shortwave_scanning] Web Design Course for b eginners – 30 $

Yahoo group: essex_shortwave_scanning
Date: 2015-10-28 11:53:52 UTC
From: Hanafi
Topic: 1047 Message: 1048

Please REMOVE ME from your list". This is the THIRD time i sm asking. Please comply.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

> On 28 Okt 2015, at 6:36 PTG, iCompany Training Center icompany_learning@... [essex_shortwave_scanning] <essex_shortwave_scanning@...> wrote:
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>
> online course for beginners.
>
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> Experience. You will have created your first website.
> (For students/masters) You will receive a practice certificate required by your college.
> You will receive a graduation certificate in English useful to get a job at firms in your country and abroad.
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> If you have any questions you can write to us: office@...
>